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# APEC Women and the Economy Dashboard

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## The Dashboard

"We recognize the importance of data to measure progress in reducing barriers to women's economic participation, and we welcome the establishment of the APEC Women and the Economy Dashboard as a tool to inform policy discussions."

~2014 APEC Leaders' Declaration

## The Dashboard

- Established in 2014, the Dashboard was conceived and developed as a foundation for understanding and measuring the status of women as economic actors across the 21 APEC economies.
- The Dashboard tracks the five priorities of APEC's Policy Partnership for Women and the Economy (PPWE).
- The Dashboard includes 26 contributing factors, broken down into 75 indicators on barriers and opportunities to enhance women's economic empowerment.
- The indicators are drawn from a range of international data sources.
- First report due by PSU by May 2015

## Women and the Economy – Cross-Cutting

“We recognized that the economic inclusion of women is critical for business performance and economic prosperity, and **in acknowledging the cross-cutting nature of women’s participation in the economy, we committed to promoting efforts to integrate gender considerations across APEC activities as a priority**, including with greater private sector engagement.”

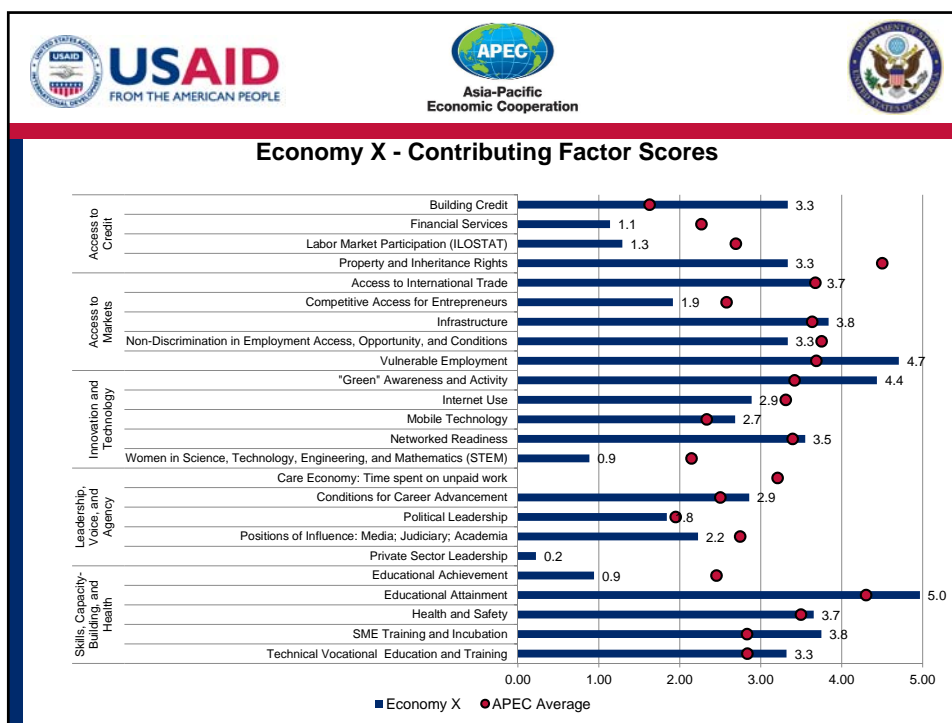
~2013 APEC Leaders’ Declaration

## Why this Matters to EC?

- Mandate from Leaders for all sub-fora to integrate gender perspectives in their work.
- Though it is important for the PPWE to look at deterrents to women's economic empowerment, working groups throughout APEC should be addressing these issues as they are barriers to sustainable, broad-based economic growth.
- The Dashboard includes several indicators that overlap with the mandate of EC and its sub-fora.

## Indicators in the Dashboard Relevant to EC and sub-fora

Contributing Factor	Indicator	Source	# of APEC Economies Covered by Source
Property and Inheritance Rights	e.g. Married women and married men have equal rights to property	World Bank, Women, Business and the Law, "Using Property"	20
Building a Credit History	e.g. Reporting of retail loan satisfaction to credit bureaus	World Bank, Women, Business, and the Law, "Building Credit"	20
Conditions for Career Advancement	e.g. Whether the law mandates paid or unpaid maternity leave	World Bank, Women, Business, and the Law, "Getting a Job" and "Incentives to Work"	20
Private Sector Leadership	Firms that report female participation in ownership	World Bank Enterprise Surveys	9
SME Training and Incubation	Women's Economic Opportunity Index, "Education and Training"	Economist Intelligence Unit,	18
Educational Achievement	Ratio of boys' scores to girls' scores in math and reading	OECD/Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)	15



**What can EC do?**

- EC can play a role integrating gender perspectives as a cross-cutting issue into its work and workstreams.
- EC representatives could consider how to incorporate these indicators in **policy discussions** and **capacity Building** initiatives that would address these indicators and highlighted gaps.



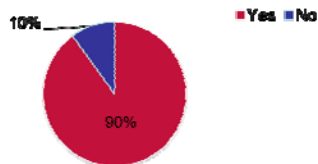
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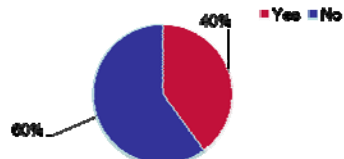
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**APEC economies where married women and married men have equal rights to property**



**APEC economies reporting of retail loan satisfaction to credit bureaus**



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**To view the entire Framework for the Women and the Economy Dashboard, visit:**

[http://mddb.apec.org/Documents/2014/SOM/CSOM/14\\_csom\\_040.pdf](http://mddb.apec.org/Documents/2014/SOM/CSOM/14_csom_040.pdf)

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