

MEDIA RELEASE

Women Economic Forum (WEF) Perth 2019 announces Speakers

Carol Hanlon, CEO of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (BEC Global), TCF WA Inc. (TCF Australia | TCF Global), BPW Business Incubator Training & Mentoring Projects is convening and hosting Australia's first Women Economic Forum (WEF) in Perth from the 5th to 7th of July 2019.

The Women Economic Forum (WEF) is an international conference platform enabling women and leaders from all walks of life worldwide to expand business opportunities and enhance personal influence through networking across borders while being inspired by some of the world's most successful entrepreneurs, authors, thought leaders and celebrities.

With connections to 100,000 members and inspiring women across 150 countries, WEF is one of the largest women's networks offering the widest outreach, enabling global connections for empowering women's entrepreneurship and leadership. WEF's are held globally and the Perth event will be the inaugural Forum to be held in Australia and a regional alliance of Women Economic Forum India.

Curtin University's Vice-Chancellor Professor Deborah Terry (AO) will provide the opening Keynote, 9am on July 6th.

The theme for the Perth event is 'Empowered Women Making A Difference', and it is expected that the event will attract 250-300 attendees. Some of the confirmed speakers include:

- Angela Guzman is an award-winning UX design lead and entrepreneur based out of Silicon Valley. Over the last decade, she has worked for Google, Airbnb, and Apple. She has managed, led, and directly contributed to design teams that focus on user experience, interaction, and visual design and has numerous design patents to her name. Angela has recently started a business called Tijiko.
- **Marie Johnson** is the Managing Director of the Centre for Digital Business in Australia. Within the global digital community, Marie is recognised as an accessibility innovator and thought provoking commentator. Her extensive experience covers the public and private sector experience in Australia and internationally, in roles including large scale government service delivery operations; leading Microsoft's worldwide public services and egovernment business in Seattle; Chief Information Officer; Chief Technology Architect; Technology Authority; and board director.
- Nadine Milham is COO of Flyge Foundation in the United States and has worked on campaigns, policy, politics, and public service for 25 years. She recently obtained the Women's Economic Forum Award for Volunteerism & Citizen Partnerships' Exceptional Women of Excellence in Delhi, India. Has worked with conflict resolution and with youth and children for her whole career.

Carol Hanlon, Founding CEO of Belmont BEC and Founder CEO TCF said, "I am excited to start sharing the high calibre guest speakers for WEF in Perth, Australia."

WEF Perth is currently supported by venue partner Curtin University, Belmont BEC, TCFWA, BPW WA, Perth Convention Bureau, ALL Ladies League, UN Australia Association WA, Fortix, Res-Q, Emerge Internet, supporters and volunteers. The Welcome Reception will be held at Government House on 5 July at 6pm with dignitaries and WEF Delegates and the dinner event on evening of 6th will include a Swan River Cruise, Buffet & Entertainment.

Ms Hanlon said, "I encourage anyone with a passion about the Women Economic Forum to purchase early-bird discount tickets to the event." Full Program and Speakers can be viewed <u>www.wef.org.in/perth</u>

To find out more about Perth Women Economic Forum in 2019, please contact Carol Hanlon, and see www.wef.org.au Early Bird Discount ends March 31.

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