Women in Business Networking

CIPE promotes the establishment of informal and formal networks that build capacity and leadership of businesswomen in the country to drive changes that lead to economic empowerment. CIPE works through women’s chambers of commerce and business associations to provide training, skills development and mentorship opportunities. In addition, CIPE works with local partners to provide technical assistance and small grants support for projects that promote women’s economic empowerment in the local market. These network opportunities allow women to exchange information and best practices, establish mentorships links between organizations, develop new business and export opportunities and build relationships among women business owners and leaders.

Building Networking Opportunities

Through Women’s Business Agenda (WBA) processes and the establishment of Women’s Business Resource Centers (WBRC) around the world, CIPE offers a variety of services, capacity-building and support for women entrepreneurs, leaders and business owners to gain the skills they need to advocate for public policy reforms fostering more inclusive economic opportunities.

CIPE takes these successes and networks further by promoting the participation of women and women’s business associations in global platforms and international forums, highlighting the importance of the private sector in advocating for women’s economic empowerment and the need to have a diverse set of voices promoting these core values and issues. CIPE partners have participated in such international events as Beijing 25+ and W20 Working Group and other efforts, such as the United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s International Women’s Day activities and the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE) annual conference, among others.

Finally, CIPE continuously links more established networks with new associations and networks that are forming around the world through its continued work in women’s economic empowerment. In November 2020 CIPE brought together women leaders from Nepal, Bangladesh and Nigeria for the launch of the Central American Women’s Business Network, further expanding the scope and reach of past successes to build future ones.
Regional networks created:

- Southeast Asia Regional Network for Businesswomen’s Organizations (RNBWO)
- Central American Women’s Business Network
- Coalition of Women Business Associations—Romania (CAFA)

Countries where the model has been employed successfully:

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chad, Colombia, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Iraq, Jordan, Mali, Mauritania, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Romania, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam, West Bank/Gaza