

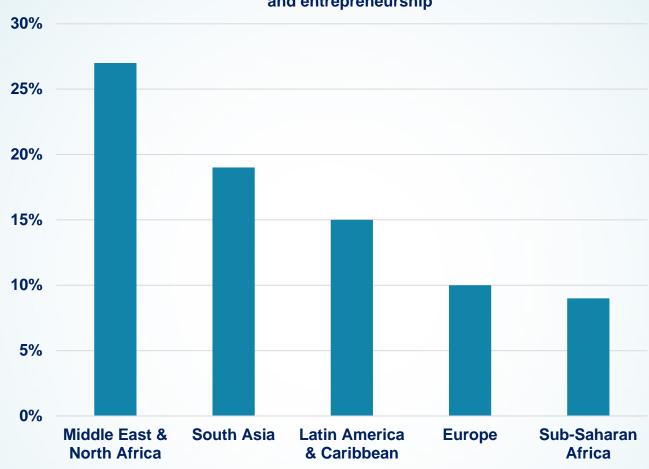
## WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW 2019

A DECADE OF REFORM



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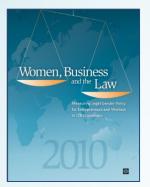


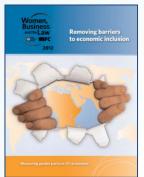
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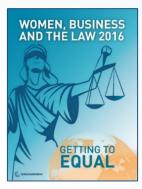


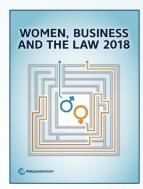
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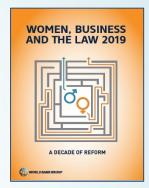












Over the last ten years, *Women, Business and the Law* has collected unique data on the laws and regulations that constrain women's entrepreneurship and employment.



# LAWS AFFECT WOMEN THROUGHOUT THEIR WORKING LIVES





#### **SCORING 35 DATA POINTS**



Constraints on freedom of movement



Laws affecting women's work after having children



Laws affecting women's decisions to work



Constraints to starting and running businesses



Laws and regulations affecting women's pay



Gender differences in property and inheritance



Legal constraints related to marriage

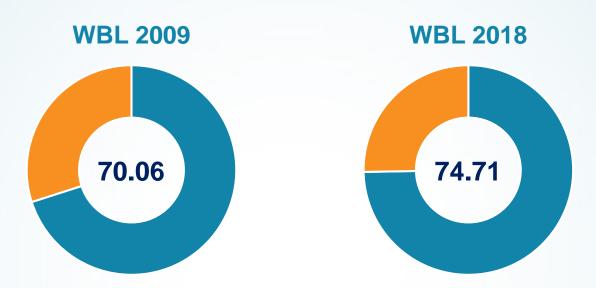


Laws affecting the size of a woman's pension



#### **CLOSING THE LEGAL GENDER GAP**

#### **Average Global Score**



Reforms led to a **4.65** point increase in the average global score over the last ten years.



#### **TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS**

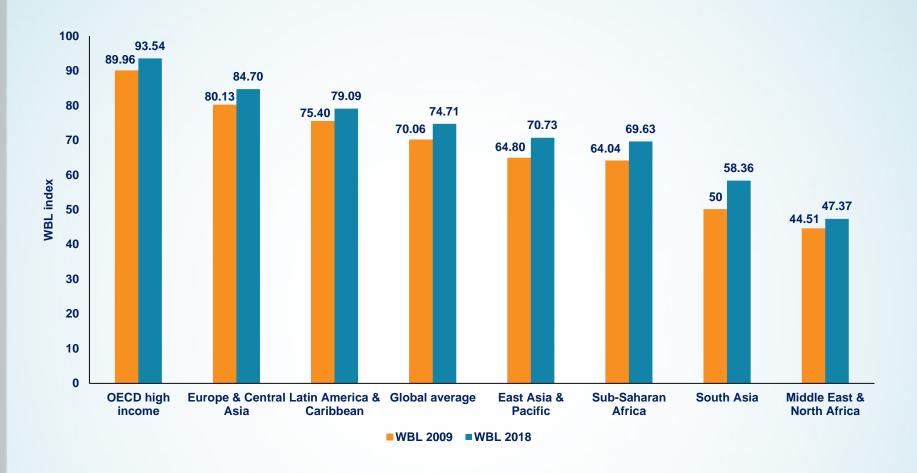


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economies made reforms toward gender equality.



#### **EVERY REGION INCREASED IN AVERAGE SCORE**





#### **INTEGRATING THE LABOR MARKET**

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#### **BANNING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK**





#### **PROMOTING FATHERS' UPTAKE OF LEAVE**

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economies
introduced paid
paternity leave.

Average Length of Paid Paternity Leave, 2018 (Days)





#### **EMPOWERING WORKING WOMEN**

Economy	Reform Example
Belgium	Mandated equal remuneration for work of equal value.
China	Prohibited sexual harassment at work.
France	Enacted domestic violence legislation.
Korea, Rep.	Introduced paid paternity leave.
Philippines	Removed all job restrictions on women.
Vietnam	Removed restrictions hazardous, arduous or morally inappropriate jobs.



#### **COMPARING ACROSS REGIONS**

#### **WBL 2018**





#### SPOTLIGHT ON JAPAN

### **Japan**



79.38

Going Places: 100

Starting a Job: 50

Getting Paid: 50

Getting Married: 80

Having Children: 80

Running a Business: **75** 

Managing Assets: 100

Getting a Pension: 100



#### INFORMING THE REFORM AGENDA



### **IDENTIFY GOOD PRACTICES**

Examining the legislation that works for women.



# INCORPORATE AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Proving that investing in women is smart economics.



#### **INFLUENCE REFORM**

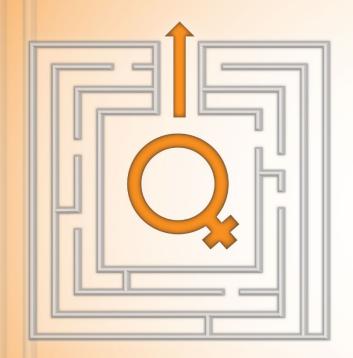
Closing the legal gender gap for economic growth.

#### **INCREASING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**



With greater equality of opportunity, more women work, and where they do work, they are paid better.





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