

Event Round-up: Winning as a Woman in Development Agora Thursday Thriving In Development Special Series 4/6

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Key Message

Women have achieved considerable progress in the development space despite the obstacles presented by discrimination and gender bias. Today, more women are likely to break academic records, actively engage in the space, and hold leadership roles. The persistence of women's rights activists, the growing relevance of gender equality, and the accessibility of new technology that has made it simpler for women to organize and connect have all contributed to these advancements. Breaking down barriers, overcoming obstacles, and showing competence, skills, and knowledge are key components of success for women in the development sector. The development field is wide enough to fit as many willing active players (women) as possible.

Pathways to Becoming a Winning Woman

1. Develop skills
2. Understand and examine the current landscape in operation
3. Identify your passion and carve a niche for yourself
4. Be resilient and accommodate change
5. Be knowledge driven & keep raising the bar
6. Build a culture of volunteerism
7. Seek mentors to guide you
8. Partner and collaborate

Finally

Men can play a significant role in assisting women in the development space. They can be a support system for women in the development arena by fostering inclusive systems and environments where women can succeed.

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