

**Announcing:**  
**GLOBAL WOMEN LEADERSHIP NETWORK (GWLN)**  
**Two Women Leaders for the World Programs**  
**Starting December 4, 2011 and July, 2012**



*"Where we fail to capitalize on the potential and talents  
of one-half of the population,  
we also squander the potential to eliminate  
poverty, hunger, disease, environmental degradation and violence."*

**Michelle Bachelet**  
Under-Secretary-General and  
Executive Director of UN Women

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**Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN)**, a recognized leader in global capacity building for women, announces two Women Leaders for the World (WLW) education programs. The residential portions of the six month program are scheduled for December 4 to 9, 2011, and July, 2012. The program is led by an outstanding faculty of practitioners and educators and attracts exceptional leaders from around the globe.

The expansion to two programs reflects a strategic decision by GWLN to serve more high potential global women in corporations, not for profits, religious institutions, government and academia. As Carol Sands, GWLN Governance Board Chair and venture capitalist said, *"We have a proven approach with real impact. We are scaling our efforts up to serve more talented women around the globe."*

**Building a Community of Leaders**

**Women Leaders for the World** is a leadership program that begins with a six day residential program and continues for the remaining six months with an ongoing coaching and mentoring program on SKYPE about a

breakthrough project. This world class training program sparks innovation, fosters leadership and business acumen, advances global citizenship, and creates a worldwide network of women leaders. Those attending the December and July sessions will join the other 120 graduates who are building a highly collaborative, vibrant community of support for their endeavors.

Sheryl Chamberlain (2006 graduate) and a corporate leader from Silicon Valley says, *"Each of us hopes for a better world and to find meaning in our lives by following our dreams and turning them into reality. WLW 2006 provided the framework for me to take my raw passion, realize my dreams and find new ways to change the world. But it is not only about me, it is about growing the community, touching other people's lives, raising the bar so **together** we can change the world."*

An integral part of this unique training program will be the leadership learning community into which the graduates are inducted. This network allows them to continue to engage with GWLN through online and social media. This combined approach - small group residential training and the ongoing mentoring and coaching relationships - is key to the success of WLW graduates.

### **Achieving Results**

Prior participant's results have been nothing less than spectacular. Catherine Wanjohi of Kenya, Founder of Life Bloom Services is a typical example. Since graduating from WLW in 2009, she is substantially expanding her work offering emotional support, life skills, vocational training and new hope for commercial sex workers, abused girls and women, and poor single-mother households. Fostering the help of her entire Naivasha community, she has recently broken ground on a vocational school, the first of its kind in Africa, where vulnerable women can get education and training.

Another one of the graduates, an employee of the UN World Food Programme says, *"We are making progress in the vision and in the mobilization of resources to support that vision. Our first proposal, 'Empowering Bhutanese Women through Income Generating Activities', has been funded through WFP private partnerships. We will change the lives of women one country at a time!"*

Linda Alepin, Founding Director of GWLN states, *"Our program, through the women graduates, has REAL impact. That is why it is worthwhile to scale to multiple offerings per year. Our philosophy is simple - as women step into more positions of leadership and exert their talents, we will create a new future for humanity. Women as leaders are essential. GWLN knows how to stimulate new levels of leadership capability."*

### **Applying for WLW**

If you would like to apply for one of the upcoming GWLN programs or nominate someone from your organization please go to <http://www.scu.edu/business/gwln/programs/women-leaders-world.cfm>.

*The tuition for the six month program is \$8,500US. A scholarship request up to a maximum of \$7,000 can be submitted with an application. The minimum*

*tuition is \$1,500.*

If you or your organization would like to sponsor a scholarship or contribute to the expansion of GWLN please contact [lalepin@scu.edu](mailto:lalepin@scu.edu), or go to our web site at [www.gwln.org](http://www.gwln.org) and make a tax-deductible donation.

Applications will be accepted for both December and July starting immediately. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2011.

More details about both sessions are available at <http://www.scu.edu/business/gwln/programs/women-leaders-world.cfm>. A worksheet for the application is available on that page. The online version is located at <http://tinyurl.com/3d2kdhp>. If you have questions, email **Sarah Thomas, Leadership Programs Director**, [GWLN.WLW.program@gmail.com](mailto:GWLN.WLW.program@gmail.com).

### **About the Global Women's Leadership Network**

The Global Women's Leadership Network, sponsored by the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University, provides women access to tools and training that expands their capacity for impactful global citizenship. In turn, those women are partnering with the GWLN in building an international network of women leaders who dare to transform the future of their organizations, communities, and the world. Now in its eighth year, GWLN selects women leaders from different countries and from all sectors of society for advanced leadership training.