

BREAKOUT SESSION: COST OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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Breaking barriers to economic integration of women in the global market.

Recommendation 1 **We recommend that:**

the APEC economies recognize that gender-based violence is a socio-cultural pattern and an expression of gender inequality that needs to be changed. It is highly prevalent throughout society, including in the workplace and adversely affects human, social and economic development.

Gender-based violence is an abuse of human rights. It has a high adverse economic impact in terms of expenditure for the provision of services, loss of income, and decreased productivity of survivors, aggressors and witnesses.

Gender-based violence also has a negative impact on families and future human capital due to its inter-generational consequences.

APEC envisages a future for its 21 economies wherein the public and private sectors work hand in hand to promote a safe environment for women where our economies thrive.

2. We recommend that

APEC gather standardized data across the economies on the economic costs of gender-based violence for the public and private sectors and monitor this data.

3. We recommend that APEC economies

identify interventions and implement them, based on the evidence of the economic costs of gender-based violence. For example, awareness building programs for employers and employees, promoting women's leadership in the public and private sectors, changing procurement contract criteria to include programs that address gender-based violence, fomenting public-private alliances.

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