



## **The start of our beginning to Build Back Better**

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Thank you to President-elect Johanna for her summary and reflections on our time together. Having heard of the projects clubs are doing, across SIGBI, I am sure we all have much to think about and ideas of how to go forward.



1. Invest in social infrastructure and family-friendly policies.
2. Accelerate advances in women's workforce competencies through professional and vocational education.
3. Invest in the development of women-owned businesses in all countries.

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Strategic Action Plan  
Elizabeth Iscle and Stéphane Dubois  
Gender and Inclusive Growth Initiative | September 2020

### The COVID-19 Gender Gap How Women's Experience and Expertise Will Drive Economic Recovery



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I can do no better in summary than to quote a recent report from Chatham House in the UK in their report on the COVID-19 Gender Gap.

For those not familiar with Chatham House it is a [non-profit, non-governmental organisation](#) based in [London](#). Its mission is to analyse and promote the understanding of major international issues and [current affairs](#). It is the originator of the [Chatham House Rule](#).

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**KimAnn Williamson**  
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I want to take this opportunity of thanking Naina and Nisha for all the work they have done over their 4 years in office. They have adapted well to the changes in our Programme work from Environment to Planet for Naina and from Violence Against Women to Peace for Nisha.

They will be hard acts to follow for Anitha and KimAnn. Both are, however, experienced in their own fields and I look forward to working with them as part of our Programme Action Team, to develop our work over the next 2 years.

Thank you for being with us today – I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have.

Keep safe and see you next year in Llandudno.