



Women's Leadership Summit 2008 Programme

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WHEN: Wednesday 4 June 2008

WHERE: London Marriott West India Quay, 22 Hertsmeare Road, Canary Wharf, London E14 4ED, United Kingdom

The Women's Leadership Summit sees an impressive line up of female business leaders deliver insightful keynote addresses followed by lively interactive panel sessions featuring successful female managers.

08:30 - 09:30 **Registration and networking**

09:30 - 09:45 **Summit welcome**
Glenda Stone, CEO, Aurora
Alison Hodgson, Director of Talent and Resourcing, Royal Mail Group

09:45 - 10:00 **Women Transforming Companies: Profit, Processes, Pain & Passion**
Keynote: Sue Whalley, Strategy Director, Royal Mail (Post Office Limited)

We still don't have a critical mass of women in senior positions at the top of corporate organisations. However many of the women who hold senior posts are enormously impressive and run major business-critical projects that are high-profile within their companies and marketplace. What are the issues for senior women leading significant transformational organisational change? How do they lead their people in positive and engaging ways? From their specific contexts, what are the key learnings they've experienced and can share about the projects they lead?

10:00 - 10:30 **Panel session + Q&A**

Panel moderator:
Glenda Stone, CEO, Aurora

Panelists:

- Mandie Campbell, Director, Leadership & Learning, Home Office
- Delia Bushell, Director of Broadband & Telephony, BSKyB
- Sarah Ratcliffe, Joint Managing Director (Upstream), Jones Lang LaSalle
- Alison Hodgson, Director of Talent and Resourcing, Royal Mail Group

10:30 - 10:45

Women doing Deals: Leading the Business in Complex Times

Keynote: Laura King, People Partner, Clifford Chance

What's happening in the current economic climate and how does this impact on the gains made for women in the workplace? What are the major challenges for companies moving forward in the turbulent market climate? Hear from impressive female business leaders about their work, what their current and future challenges are. Learn from their extensive wealth of experience.

10:45 - 11:15

Panel session & Q&A

Panel moderator:

Gavin Hinks, Editor, Accountancy Age

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Panelists:

- Rebecca George OBE, Partner (Corporate Finance), Government & Infrastructure Team, Deloitte
- Sandrine Harris, Director, Transactions Advisory Services Team, Ernst & Young
- Melanie Richards, Partner, Corporate Finance, KPMG
- Rachel Weikel, Director, Capital Markets Group, PricewaterhouseCoopers

11:15 - 11:45

MORNING TEA BREAK

11:45 - 13:00

Women's Career Challenges & Choices: Structured delegate networking activity

One of the prime aims of the Summit is to facilitate extensive cross-sector networking amongst professional women. This session aims to ensure that delegates meet and engage in indepth debate and discussion with delegates at the event. This facilitated session enables delegates to pragmatically share specific business experiences, discuss career issues and challenges, and share key learnings around critical topics.

13:00 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK (Key networking)

14:00 - 14:15

Women working with Emerging Technologies: Faster, Better, Cheaper

Keynote: Charmaine Eggberry, VP and Managing Director for EMEA, RIM (BlackBerry)

The IT sector presents many opportunities for effective female business leaders. In IT it doesn't matter whether you wear trousers or a skirt - it's all about the quality, speed and innovation of your mind. Successful women in the IT sector share a number of commercial qualities. Hear about the projects they lead, the commercial successes they forge, the challenges they experience in their roles - and of course learn about some of the exciting innovations in their industry.

14:15 - 14:45

Panel session + Q&A

Panel moderator:

Bryan Glick, Editor, Computing Magazine

Media partner:

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Panelists:

- Sarah Sullivan, Mass Retail Sales Director, Canon
- Wendy Mars, Systems Engineer Director (UK & Ireland), CISCO
- Katherine Bennett, Director & General Manager (Medium Business), Dell UK
- Jo Hind, Industry Head (Financial Services), Google
- Kate Isler, Online Services Group Chief of Staff, Microsoft

14:45 - 15:00

Women working on Future Energy Projects: Secure, Sustainable Sources

Keynote: Chris Sistrunk, Senior EP Manager, Shell

Does an old sector with new priorities present different opportunities for women? Finding and commercializing renewable energy in cost-effective ways is a major global challenge. Hear from some of the impressive women working in this arena about the challenges they face, the complex projects they lead, and listen to some of their insightful work to date.

15:00 - 15:30

Panel session + Q&A

Panel moderator:

Nick Black, Editor, Argus Global Emissions

Media partner:



Panelists:

- Jackie Henshaw, Head of Risk Management & Trading, BG Group plc
 - Leah Fry, Senior Manager (Supply Chain Management), National Grid plc
 - Nina Skorupska, Technology Services Director, RWE Npower
 - Magali Anderson, General Manager for Continental Europe, Schlumberger
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15:30 - 16:00

AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

16:00 - 16:15

The Gender Agenda: Is there more to do?

Keynote: Denise Wyllie, Managing Director and Head of Operations in Europe, Goldman Sachs

Some reports suggest working women are losing ground. Are women leaving the workforce due to choice? Are they turning their back on corporate cultures that don't transform rapidly enough to meet the needs of modern working women balancing complex responsibilities? Will things ever change for women - and at what speed and at what cost?

16:15 - 16:45

Panel session + Q&A

Panel moderator:

Glenda Stone, CEO, Aurora

Panelists:

- Alison Peden, Partner, SAP UK & Ireland, Accenture
 - Corrie Shanahan, Chief, Communications & Media, IFC, World Bank Group
 - Suzette Davenport, Assistant Chief Constable, West Midlands Police
 - Sue Whalley, Strategy Director, Royal Mail (Post Office Limited)
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16:45 - 17:15

The Wisdom of Women: Structured Network Introductions Activity

Structured networking opportunities are a key part of the Summit. This session provides active sessions for delegates to draw on the collective wisdom of women at the event to discuss highly effective strategies used for gaining greater visibility and recognition, monitoring their career path and addressing key challenges, and for understanding how to successfully navigate their careers to the next level.

17:15 - 17:30

Summary of day / Audience discussion

Reflect on the conversations of the day. Consider the learnings you've made. Understand what business challenges from other contexts might impact on your own role and future career progression. Articulate the key messages you've understood from the day. Consider the new questions in your mind that impact on your professional choices ...

17:30 - 18:30

DRINKS NETWORKING / RECEPTION

18:30

Summit concludes