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**PwC Kicks Off Aspire to Lead: The PwC Women’s Leadership Series***First-ever global forum focused on women and leadership geared to students around the world; Live webcast event with LeanIn.Org*

On April 24, 2014, PwC will host its first-ever global forum focused on women and leadership to students around the world. [The live webcast with LeanIn.Org](http://www.pwc.com/gx/en/careers/aspire-to-lead.jhtml?WT.mc_id=aspiretolead_11032014_URL) is scheduled to take place at 9:30am PDT / 4:30pm GMT/UTC / 5:30pm BST / 6:30pm CET and is part of the *Aspire to Lead: The PwC Women’s Leadership Series*, which includes a number of programmes and workshops hosted by PwC that are designed to provide university students and new professionals with the tools to help them build leadership skills.

The inaugural event will kick off with a welcome by Terri McClements, PwC’s US Human Capital Leader and Global Talent Leader, who will share her insights and experiences. She will introduce Sheryl Sandberg, founder of LeanIn.Org, author of *Lean In* and *Lean In for Graduates*, and Facebook COO, who will encourage the next generation to reach for their ambitions and discuss the important role they have in reaching gender equality. Rachel Thomas, President of LeanIn.Org, will offer tips for finding the right job, negotiating your first salary and succeeding in your career. Sandberg and Thomas will answer questions from the live audience of students from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the US.

To watch the live global webcast or the playback after the event and to register ahead of the event, please visit <http://www.pwc.com/aspire>. The translated versions will be available on the site after May 5th.

“PwC prioritises career progression and professional and personal development, and we work tirelessly to create an environment for our people that enables them to fulfil their leadership potential,” said McClements. “The first steps into a professional career are critical, and there are many important decisions that must be made. Through this event, we aim to inspire the next generation of leaders and equip them with information and skills that will help in navigating the transition.”

*Aspire to Lead: The PwC Women’s Leadership Series* events will be promoted by PwC in over 30 countries around the world, including in Austria, Canada, Cyprus, France, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Spain, the UK, and the US on April 24 and through mid-May. In addition to viewing the webcast, many events will include panel discussions that highlight diverse perspectives and choices, insights into career and leadership development, and work/life and related topics.

“PwC is a place where we value and respect differences. We know that when people from different backgrounds and with different points of view and talents work together, we make the most of the uniqueness of each of our people to create the highest value for clients and society,” said Dennis Nally, Chairman, PwC International Ltd. “We're excited to collaborate with Sheryl Sandberg and her foundation LeanIn.Org to reach students throughout the world. The *Aspire to Lead* programme will provide practical tools for future professionals to accelerate their development in the workplace.”

*Aspire to Lead* follows [*PwC’s Next Generation Diversity: Developing tomorrow’s female leaders report*](http://www.pwc.com/gx/en/women-at-pwc/internationalwomensday/next-gen-diversity-publication.jhtml)and its [*Global Diversity Week*](http://www.pwc.com/gx/en/diversity-inclusion/global-diversity-week.jhtml), in which thousands of PwC people around the world joined the conversation on how to become even more inclusive leaders.

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**Notes**

1. To find out more about diversity and inclusion at PwC, visit [www.pwc.com/inclusion](http://www.pwc.com/inclusion). Download [PwC’s Next Generation Diversity: Developing tomorrow’s female leaders report](http://www.pwc.com/gx/en/women-at-pwc/internationalwomensday/next-gen-diversity-publication.jhtml) and find out how PwC recently celebrated [Global Diversity Week](http://www.pwc.com/gx/en/diversity-inclusion/global-diversity-week.jhtml).
2. PwC helps organisations and individuals create the value they’re looking for. We’re a network of firms in 157 countries with over 184,000 people who are committed to delivering quality in assurance, tax and advisory services. Tell us what matters to you and find out more by visiting us at [www.pwc.com](http://www.pwc.com/gx).

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1. **About LeanIn.Org**

LeanIn.Org is the nonprofit organization founded by Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg to empower all women to achieve their ambitions. LeanIn.Org offers inspiration and support through an online community, free expert lectures and Lean In Circles, small peer groups who meet regularly to learn and grow together. More than 425,000 women and men have joined the LeanIn.Org community and started more than 16,000 Lean In Circles in over 70 countries since the organization was launched in March 2013 following the release of the bestselling book, Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead. LeanIn.Org is a private operating nonprofit organization under IRS section 501(c)(3).

In addition to the full text of *Lean In*, *Lean In for Graduates* includes a letter from Sheryl urging graduates to aim high and new chapters with expert advice on choosing your path, finding a job, and negotiating your first salary. This edition also includes chapters encourage millennial men to work toward gender equality and women of color to own who they are. In addition, twelve young people from around the world share their moving stories of how they overcame obstacles to lean in to their lives. To learn more, visit http://www.leanin.org/graduates/.