

2023 EU-Taiwan Gender Equality Forum

Session 1: Gender Equality Issues During and Post the Pandemic – Empowerment of Women's Economic Status

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Taiwan Women Entrepreneurial Environment



Entrepreneurial Environment



Government SME Supporting Policy



Women Average Education Level



Gender Equality for Financial Resources

Entrepreneurship

ranked 6th overall; ranked 1st in Asia

	MIWE score				MIWE ranking			
	MIWE 2021	MIWE 2020	MIWE 2019	Change from 2020 to 2021	MIWE 2021	MIWE 2020	MIWE 2019	Change from 2020 to 2021
United States	69.9	71.8	70.6	-1.9	1	1	2	
New Zealand	69.8	70.2	71.1	-0.4	2	2	1	
Canada	68.6	67.9	69.2	0.7	3	3	3	
Australia	67.2	67.2	65.9	0.0	4	4	4	
Switzerland	66.7	65.1	61.7	1.6	5	7	18	2↑
Taiwan	66.3	65.1	65.6	1.2	6	8	6	2↑

Sources-the Mastercard index of Women Entrepreneurs report(2022)

6.8%→**7.3**%



Female founder in 2021 accounted for 37.16% of all SMEs.

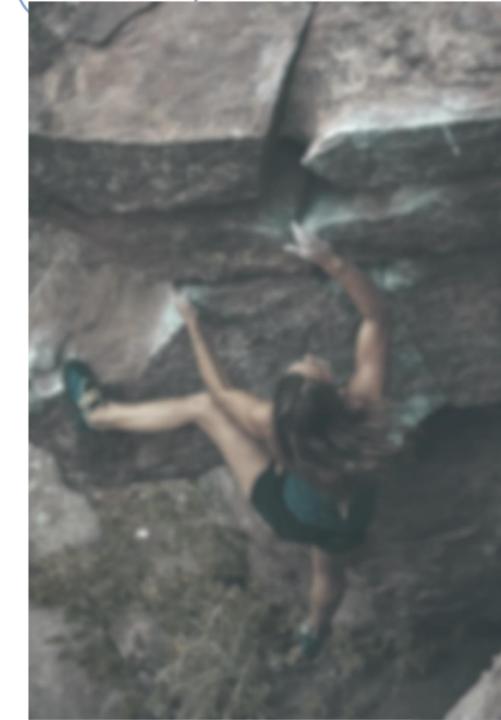




Sources-White Paper on Small and Medium Enterprises in Taiwan (2022)

02

Challenges for Women Entrepreneurs



Funding Challenge

Sole Proprietorship

Loan-based

Difficult to raise funds

- About 60% sole proprietorship
- Private capital

 Lack of funding channels

- Higher presence in the livelihood and service sector
- Small business scale , hard to develop

Smaller Business Scale

Begin with minimal investment

Micro business

SME - Livelihood and service industry

- Life experience
- satisfaction of self-fulfillment

- Low capital investment
- Low barriers to entry

- Focused on consumer products, catering, accommodation and service industry
 - Lack of competitiveness

Rely on Domestic Market

Domestic sales

Lake of information

Lack of international exposure

- 90%+ domestic market
- Mostly in wholesale and retail industry

 Not familiar with foreign markets

- Lack of international exchange opportunities
- Less experience in international competitions and exhibitions

03

Supporting Innovation and Startups



Sufficient funding for start-ups

Funding







Loan

Entrepreneurial Loans as Startup Capital

Investment

Angel Investment Program, National Development Fund

National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Association

Grants

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program

> Experiment Grants for Start-ups

Popularizing entrepreneurial services

Service



Various Resources for Start-ups



Incubation Workshops for Youth



Female Entrepreneurship

Connect domestic and foreign markets

Expanding







Public Procurement for Startups



International G Camp



Establish an Empowering and Supportive System



Infrastructure

Integrating entrepreneurial resources and offering comprehensive entrepreneurial courses to enhance fundamental skills and abilities.







Basic Business Concept

Branding Strategy

Workshop



80+ Company registration/ per year



2,000+ Women/ per year

Growth

Establish a network of entrepreneurs to facilitate increased funding opportunities and expand market presence.







Mentorship





Help fundraise NTD \$100 million/ per year



Provide guidance to 40+ businesses/ per year

Elite

Recognize exemplary female entrepreneurs and inspire more women to embark on entrepreneurial endeavors.





Elite Assessment & Selection

Women Entrepreneurs Alumna



150+ Interviewed and assessed



- Fundraised NTD\$1,500 million
 - 15+ Business Public Listing

Globalization

Linking international female entrepreneurial resources and expanding foreign markets.





Academy for Women Entrepreneurs

Initiate for International Exposure





- 205 AWE alumna
- 40+ Engage in international market



50+ International awards

In Taiwan, every woman is able to chase their entrepreneurial dream and be proud of their choices.

Thanks for listening









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