



## Women Empowerment: JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE AND STRENGTH

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## Equal Access to Education???





#### Societal Mindsets



Lack of Opportunities





Employment Quality and Skills

Uneven Access to Education

"with all the challenges, what can we do to make it better for women?"





### ENHANCING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC RIGHTS WILL BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY AND OPEN A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS

VIETNAM CHAMBER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ILO PROJECT ON EMPOWERING WOMEN

VIETNAM'S ASEAN COMMITTEE ON WOMEN

ASEAN WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR NETWORK

### Journey in ASEAN Women Entrepreneur Network (AWEN)

#### 2007

..... no set mechanisms nor resources ......

01

2010 - Setting up Terms of Reference (TOR) and relevant business procedures and operations.

TOR is officially approved in 11th ACW Conference in 2012

02

2012 - Set up AWEN Executive Board and Rotating Guidelines.



2014 - AWEN Official Launch as Organisation



## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

**FUNDING** 



**RESOURCES** 

**BUSINESS OPERATIONAL** 

**IDENTITY** 

**OUTREACH** 

**MECHANISM** 

WHERE'S
THERE'S
AWILL,
THERE'S
AWAY

### ONCE UPON A STORY ...

ORGANISING PREMIER BUSINESS FORUM WITH GALA DINNER FOR BUSINESS
CONNECTIONS AMONG WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS FROM 10 AMS AND
AWARD CEREMONY TO HONOR OUTSTANDING ASEAN WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

# Challenges in Sponsorship Funding

You are too optimistic!



They won't sponsor, but you sent a proposal to everyone

Everyone promised to fund just to be polite!

"Where to find funds to cover the remaining expenses???"

### PARTNERSHIP

COMMITMENT















### INITIATIVES AND THE ONGOING JOURNEY







## "COMING FROM AN ORDINARY BACKGROUND, BUT SHE HAS DONE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS"

#### ARTICLE ON SPUTNIK, VIET NAM







Remember that you have the right to dream..

But, success,

only comes to those who work hard and legitimate