

## W20 ITALIA 2021

### WOMEN20 handbook 2021

#### ***An excellent report on strategic cross-sectional topics of the W20 agenda***

The support of FEMTEC ( World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy)

2021 was the year in which Italy chaired the G20, an initiative that was carried out with great success, thanks also to the commitment and authoritative international prestige of Italian Premier Mario Draghi.

As part of this important event were held related events including the WOMEN20, an official G20 engagement group established during the G20, (<https://w20italia.it/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/W20-Italy-Communique%CC%81.pdf>) that has addressed and proposed the functions of the role of women in the various problems of society 'world.

The Representatives of the 2021 Women 20, called on G20 leaders to address gender inequalities, establish sustainable development policies, employ and fund strategies to support the empowerment of women, with priority on tackling the intersecting structural barriers that negatively impact women and girls in all their diversity, by implementing our main focus areas and cross-cutting recommendations.

The Italian Delegation was chaired by Elvira Marasco, Senior Adviser of Women20 (W20), of which we report the considerations collected in the WOMEN20 Handbook 2021:

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*The W20 has lived up to the suggestions of the G20 Presidency and has worked closely with the institutions accordingly: the voice of civil society, in this way, had a great echo. The relationships we developed and implemented were also important, as for example we organized many webinars with Italian women's associations, making a real analysis of the problems related to the world of women; not just empty talk, but data.*

*It was also crucial to work closely with the G20 commissions from the start.*

*Being the W20 Italian Head of Delegation during this Presidency has been tiring and challenging. The figure of the Head of Delegation was established during the Argentine presidency to ensure that there was only one person to speak; a sort of very important spokesperson in the case of very large delegations.*

*In essence, she simplifies the work because her role is to participate in the meetings and then to spread the contents to the other delegates.*

*One requirement is undoubtedly to share quickly what happens at the various meetings and another, not less important, is to guarantee that the civil society's position regarding gender issues is recognized.*

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**Within the legacy topics: labor, digital empowerment, entrepreneurship and finance, *the health* theme is fundamental.**

**FEMTEC, has in its mission also the theme of promoting prevention and health care through natural therapies (balneology) and complementary medicines, scientifically validated.**

**In this area, thanks to the commitment, as *facilitator*, of one of its V. Presidents ([Prof. Florana Menendez, Cuba](#)), international meetings have been held on the subject of which we have given news on the FEMTEC website:**

- <https://www.femteconline.org/?s=NEWS/0108-G20>
- <https://www.femteconline.org/?s=NEWS/0092-G20>
- <https://www.femteconline.org/?s=NEWS/0093-GlobalHealth>

**We hope that an accurate reading of this book will stimulate us to put into practice what we have proposed and to promote, in a correct and responsible way, the role of integrated balneology.**

**Prof. Umberto Solimene, President of FEMTEC ( World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy)**

**The three legacy topics: labour, digital empowerment, entrepreneurship and finance.**

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