

## Mediterranean Women Digital Summit 2019 "Women for Social Innovation" Joint Declaration

***We, the participants and partners of the 2nd Mediterranean Women Digital Summit that gathered in Tunis 23/24 September under the high Patronage of the Presidency of Tunisia:***

1. Are determined to advance the dialogue for a stronger women participation in the digital transformation of the Mediterranean region in order to bridge the digital divide;
2. Acknowledge that stronger women's participation in the digital economy has a beneficial effect on wealth and growth in the economies and societies of the region;
3. Understand that the region is in urgent need for creative and innovative solutions for fostering sustainable growth, securing jobs, improving health systems and increasing populations' capabilities through a better education;
4. Recognize that social innovation would benefit from a stronger integration of women in the digital space;
5. Acknowledge the relevance of the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a relevant framework for supporting digital social innovation and women empowerment in the region.

***We are committed to:***

6. Intensify the efforts to develop the dialogue around digital transformation across all spheres of life in the Mediterranean region;
7. Continuously enrich the Mediterranean Women Digital Summit's network by supporting new change-makers active in social innovation and digital transformation in the region;
8. Advocate for more women entrepreneurs in the digital space and encourage more women to participate in digital entrepreneurship and social innovation;
9. Promote social innovation as a key approach to tackle the bottlenecks hindering the region's social and gender inclusion in the digital sector;
10. Advocate for more financial incentives to boost female-founded and led social innovative business from state institutions and the private sector;
11. Promote and share research with solid data to better understand the opportunities and challenges around digital gender inclusion and support diversity discussions with facts;
12. Collaborate with media to give women innovators in the digital sector their voice as well as to promote female role models and publicize networks of women in business;
13. Develop a follow-up mechanism under the Mediterranean Women Digital Summit's umbrella to maintain the network, identify, enable and motivate more high potential women to become catalysts of change by developing initiatives in their respective communities/ sectors/ countries