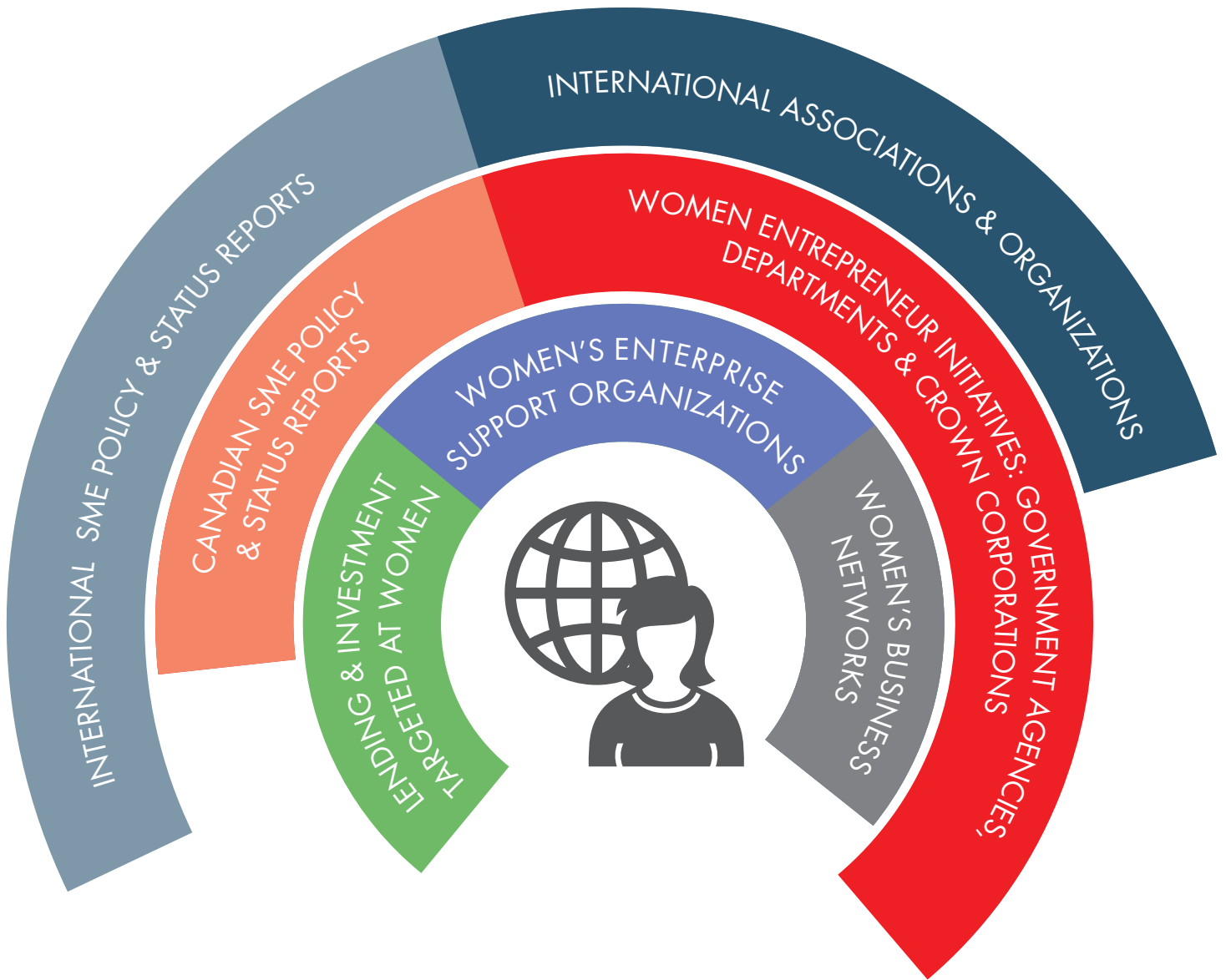


# Women's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in Canada 2019



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## WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

### National

- » Women's Enterprise Organizations of Canada (WEOC)  
*WEOC is the association of organizations serving women entrepreneurs. Board members of WEOC are marked with an ♀*

### Western Canada

- » Alberta Women Entrepreneurs ♀
- » Women's Enterprise Centre (BC) ♀
- » Women's Enterprise Centre Manitoba ♀
- » Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan ♀

### Quebec

- » Femmessor
- » Réseau des femmes d'affaires du Québec ♀

### Ontario

- » Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
- » PARO Centre for Women's Enterprise (N. ON only)
- » YWCA Hamilton

### Atlantic Canada

- » Centre for Women in Business (Mt. St. Vincent University)
- » New Brunswick Association of CBDs Women's Initiative
- » Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs (NLOWE) ♀
- » Prince Edward Island Business Women's Association

## WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR INITIATIVES: GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS AND CROWN CORPORATIONS

- » Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)
- » Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)
- » Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions
- » Department for Women and Gender Equality (WAGE)
- » Export Development Canada (EDC)
- » Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev)
- » Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor)
- » Global Affairs Canada: Business Women in International Trade (BWIT)
- » Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), Women Entrepreneurship Strategy
- » Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD)
- » Women Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub (Ryerson)

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- » Global Banking Alliance for Women
- » Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) Women's Report
- » IFC Banking on Women Initiative (World Bank)
- » ITC SheTrades Initiative
- » The Diana Project (Babson College)
- » The International Alliance for Women (TIAW)
- » UN Women
- » Vital Voices Global Partnership
- » W7 Initiative of the G7
- » Women20 Engagement Group of the G20
- » WEConnect International
- » Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)
- » Women's Business Initiative International
- » World Economic Forum Women's Initiative

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## NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORKS

- » Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Supplier Council
- » Canadian Association of Women Executives and Entrepreneurs
- » Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology
- » Canadian Women in Communications
- » Canadian Women's Chamber of Commerce (CWCC)
- » Canadian Women's Foundation
- » CanWIT (Women in Tech)
- » Centre d'entrepreneuriat féminin du Québec
- » Company of Women
- » Forum for Women Entrepreneur (FWE)
- » GroYourBiz
- » Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT)
- » Professional Women's Network (PWN)
- » Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST)
- » Startup Canada Women's Initiative
- » WBE Canada
- » WEB Alliance of Women's Business Networks (BC)
- » WEConnect International, Canada office
- » Women's Executive Network
- » Women in Leadership Foundation
- » Women of Influence
- » Women Presidents' Organization
- » Women in Film and Television
- » Women in Communications and Technology
- » *And many more! Please send other names to the email below.*

## LENDING & INVESTMENT TARGETED AT WOMEN

### Debt

- » Alberta Women Entrepreneurs ♀
- » Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)
- » BMO
- » Export Development Canada (EDC)
- » Scotiabank
- » SheEO
- » Women's Enterprise Centre (BC) ♀
- » Women's Enterprise Centre Manitoba ♀
- » Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan ♀

### Equity

- » BDC Capital Women in Technology (WIT) Fund
- » Beehive Holdings
- » Disruption Ventures
- » Export Development Canada (EDC)
- » Female Funders
- » Pique Ventures
- » StandUp Ventures

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- » Telfer Women Entrepreneurship Research Exchange
- » Women's Enterprise Organizations of Canada
- » Government of Canada Women Entrepreneurs on [CanadaBusiness.ca](http://CanadaBusiness.ca)

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