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## **DAME JACINDA ARDERN, MARGARET ATWOOD, MICHELLE YEOH, AND DOZENS MORE TO SPEAK IN BOSTON ON DEC. 14TH**

### **Sold-Out Event Will Celebrate a Changed Massachusetts**

**BOSTON, Nov. 6, 2023** – The largest conference for women in the nation will meet in Boston next month, celebrating the rise of women leaders across the Commonwealth.

Keynote speakers will include:

- **Dame Jacinda Ardern**, former prime minister of New Zealand and fellow at Harvard University
- **Margaret Atwood**, two-time Booker Prize-winning author of over 50 books, including *The Handmaid's Tale*, which was adapted into the 15-time Emmy award-winning television series.
- **Dr. Joy Buolamwini**, author of *Unmasking AI: My Mission to Protect What Is Human in a World of Machines*.
- **Radhika Jones**, editor-in-chief of *Vanity Fair*
- **Michelle Yeoh**, 2022 Academy Award-Winning Actress for *Everything Everywhere All at Once* & TIME's 2022 Icon of the Year.

“In recent years, Massachusetts has set the pace for women in leadership throughout public service and business,” said Gloria Cordes Larson, president of the board of the Massachusetts Conference for Women and former president of Bentley University. “In this new environment, we are excited to welcome so many current and future leaders to this important event and the largest conference for women in the nation.”

In 2022, Massachusetts elected nearly all women constitutional officers on a ticket led by Gov. Maura Healey. Michelle Wu is the first female and Asian-American mayor of Boston, a majority-minority city. Women also hold senior leadership positions in the life sciences, media, higher education, and other sectors. These include Conference sponsors State Street, Merck KGaA Darmstadt Germany, Takeda, Vertex, *The Boston Globe*, and *WBUR*.

Dedicated to advancing women in the workplace and beyond, the conference will focus on leadership, career advancement, personal development, and justice, equity, and inclusion. More than 9,300 women are expected to attend the event on Thursday, December 14th, at the Boston Convention Center. [Details here](#).

An A-list of corporations are sponsoring the event, including the presenting sponsor, State Street.

“Advancing women in today’s changing workplaces is critically important to the economy of the Commonwealth and beyond,” said Kathy Horgan, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources and Citizenship Officer at State Street Corporation. “State Street is proud to once again serve as the presenting sponsor of the Massachusetts Conference for Women and to support its important work.”

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