



## QUICK FACTS

### **About OWIT**

Officially established in 1989, the Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT) is a worldwide, non-profit organization with a mission to foster international trade and the advancement of women in business.

- 25 chapters worldwide
- 3,000 members (chapter and virtual)
- Chapters located across the Americas, Western Europe, the Caribbean, Middle East, and Africa
- Current OWIT President: **Angela Marshall Hofmann** (Washington, DC chapter)
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### **Sponsors**

- Toyota
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*"OWIT has had a tremendous positive influence on both my professional and personal life. Over 17 years and during my interactions with 4 different chapters, my involvement with OWIT has led to at least one new job, significant board of director experience, several useful insights related to my profession in trade finance, and innumerable friends and business contacts."*

*- Kollyn D. Kanz, VP, U.S. Bank - Structured Trade Finance  
Los Angeles, CA*

### **Benefits of membership**

- Provides a forum for women and men to learn about the economic, social, legal, and technological issues related to trade and to receive expert advice
- Gives access to an international network and connections for developing business opportunities and sharing best practices
- Extends an international reach with local chapter support for networking, career development, learning, and mentoring
- Gives access to online webinars on a variety of trade-related topics
- Boosts confidence through celebrating extraordinary accomplishments of women in business and international trade
- Facilitates face-to-face networking and learning via annual world conference
- Virtual membership is available if a local chapter is not established, providing access to members and member benefits worldwide

### **Annual awards**

- Recipients recognized for their outstanding contributions to OWIT International and to advancing international trade
- Categories: Lifetime Achievement Award, Woman of the Year Award, Chapter of the Year Award, Member of the Year Award
- Presented at annual world conference

***Did you know?***

- Business women now make up 51% of management professionals and 15% of Fortune 500 corporate officers
- In developed economies around the world, women produce nearly 40% of official gross domestic product (GDP)
- Women own 1% of the world's wealth, have a 10% share in global income, and occupy 14% of leadership positions in the private and public sectors.
- OWIT's mission is:
  - to help women execute global trade opportunities
  - to provide a collective forum to support international trade education for women
  - to facilitate information exchange
  - to promote networking

***Key contacts***

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United around the globe to foster international trade and the advancement of women in business.

Unidos alrededor del mundo para fomentar el comercio exterior y el progreso de la mujer en los negocios.

Unies dans le monde entier au monde du commerce international et de l'avancement des femmes en affaires.