



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Webinar: Global Policy Tools to Accelerate Effective Action at Scale on the SDGs

The Sustainable Development Goals embody the world's greatest aspirations for human health, education, equality, the economy, and the environment. Their realization relies on investment and cooperation among all stakeholders, including civil society, citizens, and the private sector. Yet at their core, the SDGs are a commitment by governments to strive to meet these critical objectives by 2030.

Central to this commitment and to the achievement of the SDGs both at the national level and globally, is the formulation and successful implementation of national policies that are effective at achieving progress at scale. Focusing on a sample of SDGs critical to women's economic empowerment (SDGs 1, 5, and 8), this webinar will discuss how data can support national policies and successful implementation to advance the SDGs. While past monitoring efforts have often prioritized outcome data over policy data, as this webinar will explore, including globally comparative policy data may provide a crucial key to accelerating change over the next fifteen years.

This webinar will provide an overview of the ways globally comparative policy data, alongside outcome and implementation data, can be used to transparently and effectively monitor countries' progress. The webinar will feature elements that empower policymakers, civil society, and researchers to:

1. Identify key policy areas that matter to SDGs of interest and gaps in existing legislation,
2. Learn what policies have been feasible in comparator countries,
3. Understand what the research evidence says about the impact policies have on health, development, equality, and other outcomes relevant to achieving the SDGs, and
4. Identify how policy design can help to ensure development progress leave no one behind,.

Lastly, the webinar will provide examples of recent work translating research on policy impact into accessible formats for use by civil society, policymakers, development practitioners, and other stakeholders. These two-page policy briefs will illustrate a method for ensuring that complex research to evaluate the impacts of policies reaches those who can take action. Copies of these resources will be available for dissemination freely available at [worldpolicycenter.org](http://worldpolicycenter.org) following the webinar.

## LOGISTICS

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Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 10am PDT, 1pm EDT, 5pm GMT  
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#### Join via web conference:

- [Join WebEx meeting](#)
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# WORLD Policy Analysis Center

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## ABOUT THE WORLD POLICY ANALYSIS CENTER

### Our mission

To strengthen equal rights and opportunities worldwide by:

- Identifying the most effective policy approaches for both improving individual wellbeing and enabling countries to thrive socially and economically;
- Improving the quantity and quality of globally comparative data available to policymakers, citizens, civil society, and researchers on laws and policies that work to support economic opportunity, social and civic engagement, human health, development, well-being, and equity; and
- Working in partnerships to support evidence-based improvements in communities and countries worldwide.

### Our vision

Our vision is a world in which increased transparency and accountability around government commitments to equal legal rights and policies promoting equality strengthens opportunities for all. To that end, WORLD makes its data publically accessible to inform the research and policy efforts of a wide range of stakeholders, including:

- Policymakers seeking information on what steps are feasible and effective;
- Citizens committed to working for change and ensuring their governments are as effective as possible; and
- Researchers analyzing the link between policies and outcomes.

### Our work

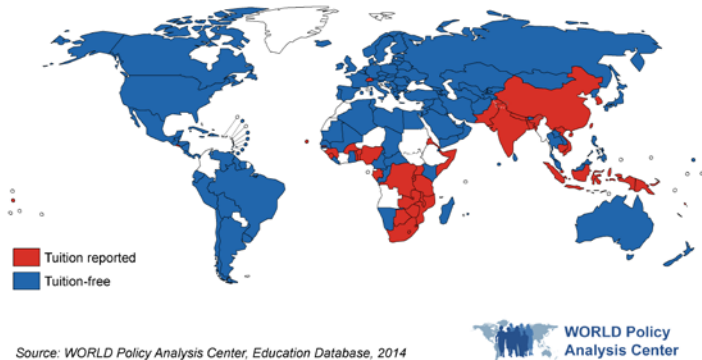
The WORLD Policy Analysis Center is directed by Dr. Jody Heymann, Dean of the Fielding School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles ([biography](#)). Under her direction, the team engages in a rigorous research process to gather and transform massive quantities of legal and policy data into the accessible, user-friendly resources found on [worldpolicycenter.org](http://worldpolicycenter.org), including interactive maps, tables, and downloadable datasets. With an international, multilingual, and multidisciplinary team, WORLD works to carefully select and analyze the best global sources of information to minimize errors. In addition, WORLD analyzes this data to identify effective policies and laws, publish original research, and offer evidence-based policy recommendations. Through partnerships with organizations around the globe, WORLD aims to translate its global policy data into community- and country-level improvements.



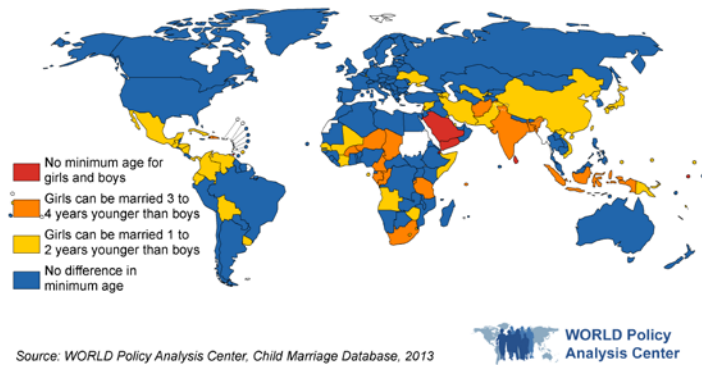


**SAMPLE WORLD FINDINGS**

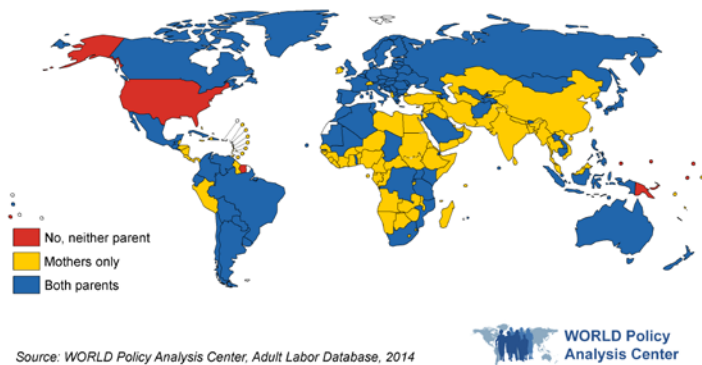
**Is completing secondary education tuition-free?**



**Is there a gender disparity in the minimum legal age of marriage with parental consent?**



**Is paid leave available for both parents of infants?**



- ❖ A secondary school education is often a requirement for jobs providing a decent income.
- ❖ Eliminating tuition fees allows more children, to enroll in secondary school. In Malawi, for example, primary school tuition fees were eliminated in 1994; primary enrollment reached 99% by 1999 compared to only 50% in 1991.
- ❖ Yet, 40 countries still charge tuition before completion of secondary school.
- ❖ Child marriage disproportionately affects girls, with nearly 700 million girls worldwide estimated to be married before the age of 18.
- ❖ 192 countries have signed an international agreement protecting girls from early marriage, but 59 countries legally allow girls to be married at a younger age than boys with parental consent.
- ❖ Evidence confirms that paid leave for new parents significantly improves infant and child health. Today, paid maternal leave is nearly universal—just eight countries worldwide do not guarantee it.
- ❖ However, fewer than half of the world’s countries—94—give fathers the right to paid leave through paternity or parental leave. Forty-six of these countries provide just three weeks or less.

