

## **IACD Call for Papers**

### **The Special Issue of *Practice Insights* for International Women's Day**

#### **Theme: Women's Empowerment and Community Development**

**Deadline: 02/01/2020**

International Women's Day (March 8, 2020) is a time to reflect on progress, development and growth made through women's empowerment. Indeed, there is great reason to celebrate the many accomplishments of the role of women in community development. International Women's Day is also an opportunity to consider how to enhance the 2030 Agenda, building momentum for the effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls (<https://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/>).

In addition, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) will be celebrated in 2020 and continues to provide a progressive blueprint for women's rights movements. This anniversary also provides us all with an opportunity to review the first five years of implementation of the Agenda 2030 and take stock of the successes, actions and lessons learned in working towards the fulfillment of the critical Sustainable Development Goals with special focus on Goal 5 of achieving Gender Equality.

The IACD is proud to announce its next Call for Articles for our Special Issue titled "*Community Development and Women's Empowerment*" from contributing authors across the globe. If you are involved in research related to women's empowerment, or women and public policy or practice either locally or globally and would like to share your findings or a commentary article, please respond to our Call.

The IACD is committed to work towards the fulfillment of this critical SDG which is central to achieving inclusive growth and development for all. It is well recognized that Community Development practice has a significant role to play towards this end and we would therefore invite all practitioners, academicians, feminist movement members, policy makers and all other stakeholders to share their experiences and voice their concerns in order to inform this critical review process through the rich experiences of community development practice.

Papers should be between 1000 and 1500 words (or up to 500 for a book review). Your article must include high resolution photos/images to illustrate. All articles will be published after the acceptance processes. Please submit your articles for women's issue before February 1, 2020 to the Practice Insights co-guest editors of the special issue, Maryam Ahmadian at [marydian50@gmail.com](mailto:marydian50@gmail.com) and Anita Paul at [apaul@grassrootsindia.com](mailto:apaul@grassrootsindia.com).

We would like to publish this issue in time to celebrate International Women's Day and look forward to hearing from you.