

## Women Deliver

4 June 2019, Vancouver, Canada - With the focus on women's empowerment in our TB REACH Wave 7 and with the push to redefine gender in the TB response, Stop TB is opening new horizons for feminism in global health and development programming. In early June, Lucica attended the Women Deliver conference -- the world's premier event on gender equality and the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women -- held this year in Vancouver, Canada. Along with various engagements, Stop TB hosted a session "*Committing to the F word*" that addressed integrating feminist programming into the development agenda.



The interactive panel included an inspiring testimony from Kim Simplis Barrow, the First Lady of Belize, who talked about converting her titular post of the Envoy for Women and Children into a nation-wide campaign against gender-based violence with no budget and with little political backing. Further, Lucica led an open discussion on politics, colonialism, drug use, elections and TB. The panel also hosted Shannon Hader, the recently appointed deputy director of UNAIDS and other amazing female leaders. The event gained much

awareness and attention and we left satisfied that we stand together, listening to women in communities, and that we are dedicated to continuously challenging the norm.