On June 8, 2017, Credit Suisse hosted a panel discussion and reception in London to mark the launch of the European expansion of STEMconnector’s successful US-based Million Women Mentors initiative. The event highlighted STEM topics from a European perspective and provided powerful perspective on unique regional challenges and achievements.

- Credit Suisse is building the foundation in 2017 for a major ramp-up of mentoring globally. Our primary focus is in line with STEMconnector’s as we establish teams in Poland, India and London. Building on our already-established relationships in various localities with women’s networks we will extend the MWM objective in Europe and APAC.

**OUR NEXT STEPS**

- Partner with Pepsi, Boeing and others to lead the global MWM growth efforts and in developing strategic plan
- Build cross-company mentoring objectives with a focus on UK, India and Poland
- Connect all mentoring programs internally at CS globally into the MWM portal.

**WORKING WITH MWM**

Credit Suisse leadership in the technology-driven Research Triangle Park (NC) has aligned with Triangle Women in STEM (WiSTEM) and STEM in the Park. CS’s objective is to become a leader in mentoring school-aged girls, as well as to help establish CS’s Triangle region as the preeminent destination for women in STEM, as well as a national model for recruiting, developing and retaining talented women in the field.

In terms of globalization efforts, in the UK CS inspires and engages the next generation of female talent by showcasing the talents and achievements of CS women today. After connecting with the Modern Muse Program in the UK, the Credit Suisse London IT Women’s Council team has run a number of work experience and IT sessions at schools (focusing on young women), and have provided the opportunity for the students to have a mentor.

“Now and in the future, the number of STEM jobs in finance, and across all industries, will continue to grow and outpace the supply of experienced candidates. And this is especially true if our goal is to improve gender balance in the workplace. We know that it will take a whole ecosystem, working together, to bring about change – and Credit Suisse is committed to doing its part.”

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