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Dior, UNESCO host annual women's empowerment conference in Paris

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The UNESCO and Women@Dior annual conference kicks off the year-long mentoring program which works to empower young women across the globe to make professional strides. Image credit: LVMH

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French fashion house Christian Dior is continuing the conversation regarding women's empowerment, gathering at UNESCO headquarters in Paris for the seventh annual "Women@Dior" conference.

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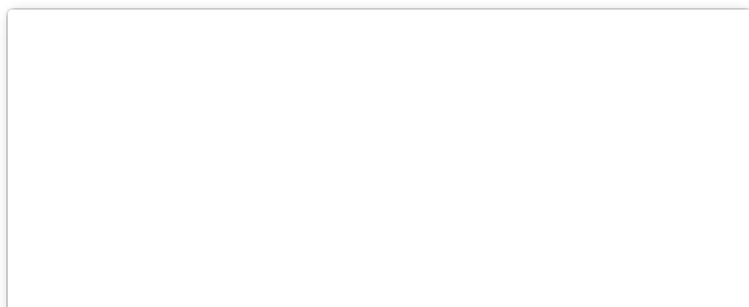
One of the five pillars of the Women@Dior female mentorship program, the UNESCO and Women@Dior Global conference allowed program participants to learn from, and engage with, prominent figures from UNESCO, Maison Dior and the maison's parent conglomerate LVMH. This year's guest speakers included actors, entrepreneurs and leaders from the nonprofit sector.

Five points make a star

The Women@Dior conference kicked off its eponymous program that offers female university students under 30 a yearlong course of mentoring, specialized classes and access to an interactive interview series with outstanding public figures.

This culminates in a "Dream for Change" project where mentees apply what they have learned toward the practical, measurable benefit and empowerment of young women in their local surroundings.

In turn, these 400 mentees from across 60 countries receive the support of a powerful global network of women as they take their first steps toward their own careers.



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Since 2020, Women@Dior has been partnered with UNESCO's Global Coalition for Education, further solidifying the relationship between UNESCO and LVMH ([see story](#)).

Founded in 2017 by Emmanuelle Favre, senior vice president of human resources at Christian Dior Couture, the program is based on Dior's five foundational values of sustainability, creativity, inclusion, self-awareness and empowerment.

Ms. Favre was at the conference to engage with Stefania Giannini, assistant director of general education at UNESCO for female empowerment. Dior's creative director for women's collections, Maria Grazia Chiuri, spoke with Karishma Swali, who founded the Chanakya School of Craft, about creativity, craft and feminism.

Other special guests included actress Mina Kavani and Hafsat Abiolat, president of Women in Africa as well as the founder of NomadHer, Hyojeong Kim.

The winners of this year's "Dream for Change" project were selected by a panel which included Ms. Chiuri and documentary filmmaker Loc Prigent.

A video about the conference will be available from the Women@Dior [site](#) beginning March 13.

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