# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

**APGA Convention 2024** 



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## **DEI Project**

#### Opportunity & Career Development for All

This landmark study aims to shed light on the current landscape of Gender Equity in the pipeline sector, providing valuable insights that can inform and enhance your business's ESG initiatives. APGA Members have the unique opportunity to contribute to this pivotal work over the next couple of months.

Today, we delve into the preliminary findings, engage in meaningful discussions, and explore how this research can support your business in meeting its ESG commitments.

- Preliminary results from the 'pulse check' survey
- Summary of leading practice in the academic and industry literature
- Next steps in the research journey & how your business can benefit

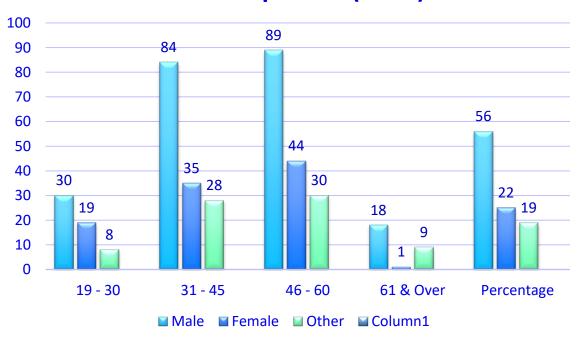


# **Pulse Check Survey**

Results to Date



#### **Total Responses (#406)**





## **Summary stats**

#### **Response Rate**

Views - 1390

**Starts – 609** 

Submissions – 406

Completion rate – 68.1%

Time to complete - 4:15



To what extent do you feel included and respected? AVG 8



# Within the pipeline sector I feel like I am...

(multiple choice)

Comfortable to be myself at work or at work-related functions 58%

Valued for my accomplishments, regardless of my perceived demographic (e.g., gender, ethnicity, background, etc.) 58%

Respected regardless of my gender, ethnicity, background, or any other factor 55.5%

Able to voice my opinion without fear of negative consequences personally or professionally 49.2%

Feel supported in my career aspirations – not just mentored but given real opportunities to go for promotion or ask for a lateral transfer to another job function 44.5%

None of the above 7.2%



# Of the following, which is MOST important to you?

Respected regardless of my gender, ethnicity, background, or any other factor 104 resp. 32%

Valued for my accomplishments, regardless of my perceived demographic (e.g., gender, ethnicity, background, etc.) 19.7%

Abiity to voice my opinion without fear of negative consequences personally or professionally 18.2%

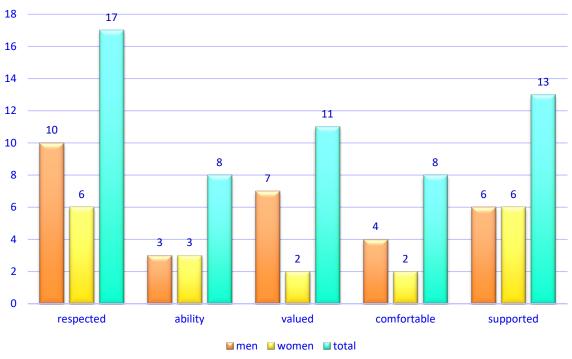
Feel supported in my career aspirations – not just mentored but given real opportunities to go for promotion or ask for a lateral transfer to another job function 14.8%

Comfortable to be myself at work or at work-related functions.14.5%

Something else 3 resp.0.9%

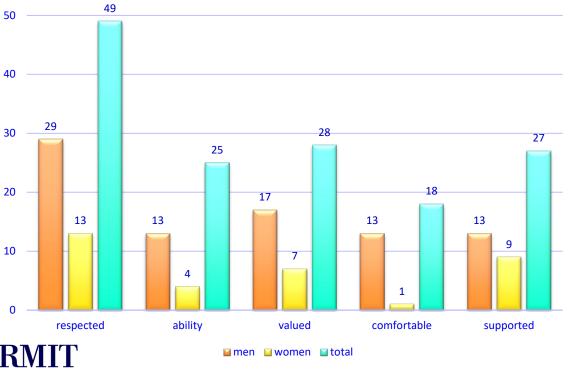


#### 19 - 30 Age Group





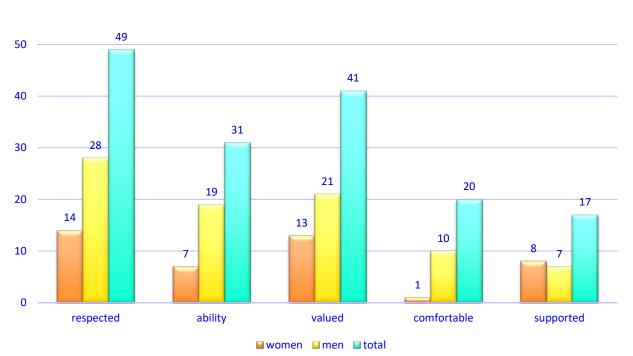
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#### 46 - 60 Age Group

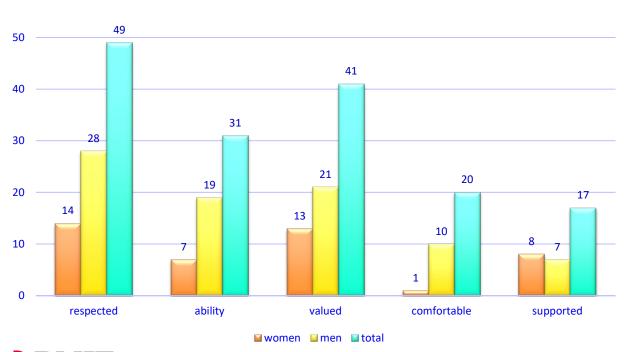






#### 61+ Age Group



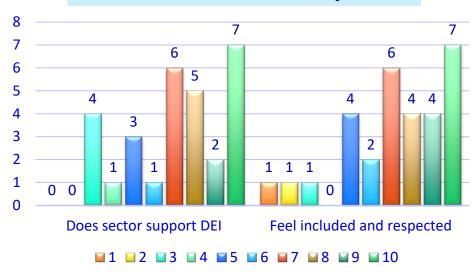






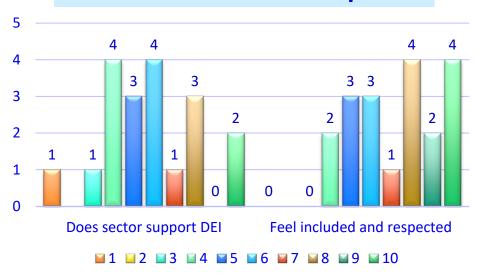
	Role	M	F	Other	Total
	Acct/ Finance	1	3		4
	Construction	1	2	2	5
	Engineering	14	9	5	28
	Executive	1			1
7	Facilities Mgmt				0
#2	Human Resources				0
AGE 19 – 30 (#57)	Legal				0
	M'fring / Operations	1			1
	Marketing		1		1
	Office Support		1		1
	Other	3	1		4
	Policy/Strategy		1		1
	Procurement				0
	Sales	1		1	2
	Sustainability				0
	Technology				0

## **19 – 30 MALE – 30 responses**



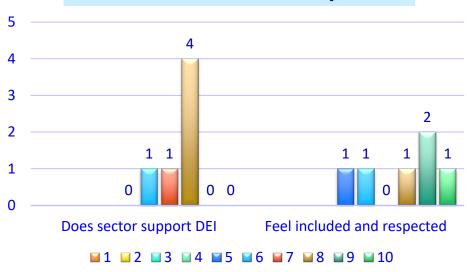


## 19 – 30 FEMALE – 19 responses





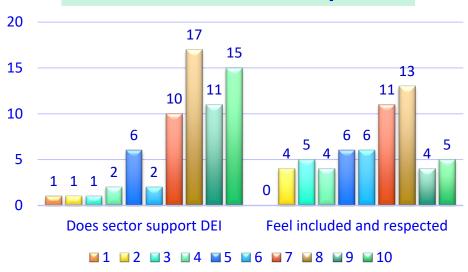
### 19 – 30 OTHER – 8 responses





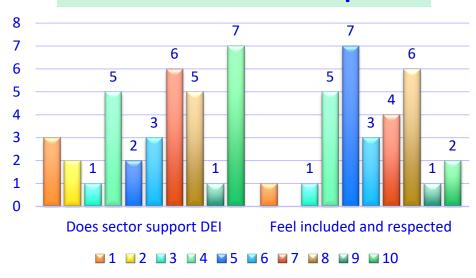
	Role	M	F	Other	Total
(21	Acct/ Finance		3	1	4
	Construction	5		3	8
	Engineering	26	9	11	46
	Executive	7	3	3	13
	Facilities Mgmt	1			1
#17	Human Resources		1	1	2
5	Legal		3		3
AGE 31 – 45 (#147)	Marketing	2		2	4
	M'fring / Operations				0
	Office Support		2	1	3
	Other	7	2	1	10
	Policy/Strategy	1	2	2	5
	Procurement	1	4		5
	Sales	6	1	2	9
	Sustainability	2	1	1	4
	Technology	2	1	2	5

### **31 – 45 MALE – 84** responses



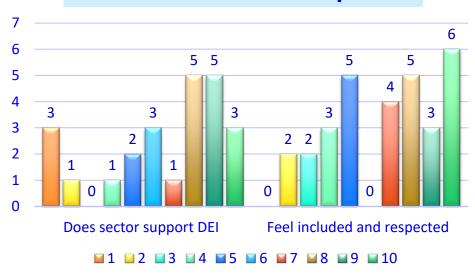


### 31 – 45 FEMALE – 35 responses





### **31 – 45 OTHER – 28 responses**



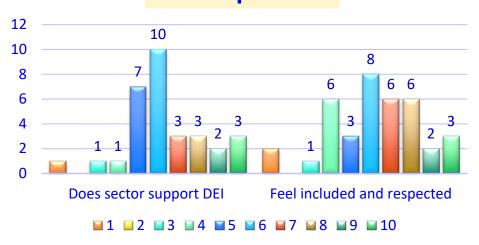


	Role	M	F	Other	Total
<b>AGE 46 – 60</b> (#163)	Acct/ Finance				0
	Construction	8	1		9
	Engineering	23	8	8	39
	Executive	31	5	6	42
	Facilities Mgmt	1		1	2
	Human Resources		6	1	7
	Legal		1		1
	M'fring / Operations	6		2	8
	Marketing / Digital	1	1		2
	Office Support		4		4
	Other	3	9	4	16
	Policy/Strategy	2	2		4
	Procurement	1	2		3
	Sales	6		5	11
	Sustainability	1	2		3
	Technology	1	1	1	3

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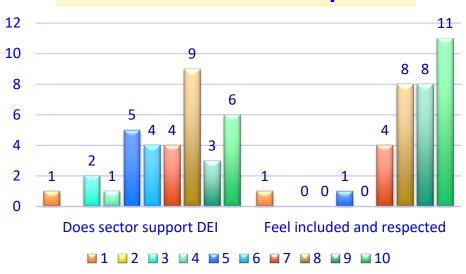


## 46 – 60 FEMALE 44 responses





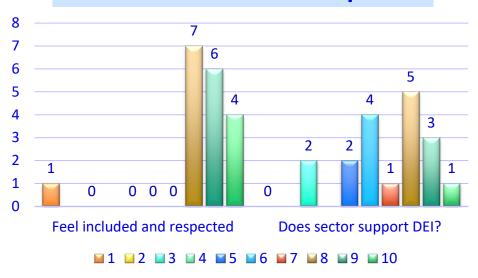
### 46 – 60 OTHER – 30 responses





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#28)	Acct/ Finance				0
	Construction				0
	Engineering	9		4	13
	Executive	3		1	4
	Facilities Mgmt				0
	Human Resources			1	1
+	Legal				0
AGE - 61 + (#28	M'fring / Operations	1			1
	Marketing			1	1
	Office Support				0
	Other		1	1	2
	Policy/Strategy				0
	Procurement				0
	Sales	2		1	3
	Sustainability				0
	Technology	1			1

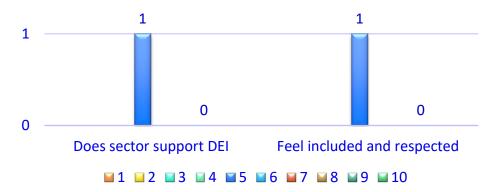
### **61 & Over MALE – 18 responses**





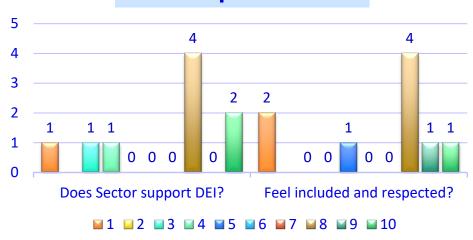
## 61 & Over FEMALE – 1 response

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# 61 & Over OTHER – 9 responses





# **Leading practice**

Summary of leading practice in academic and industry literature



## **Provide opportunity**

#### Attract, enable and retain

- Support for education and training
- Support for access/equity
- Promote/attract workers

#### Improve information accuracy

- Identify key data gaps
- Address gaps through the development of new data collection initiatives.

#### Coordination

- Map and monitor existing work
- Collaborate and communicate



Commit to ongoing review and improvement

## **Growing edges**

#### Recruitment

- Lack of adequate information & awareness about careers in the pipeline sector
- Lack of awareness about the range of opportunities available, and the need for more versatile training to enable cross-sectoral transition
- Summer student work, co-ops, internships, apprenticeships
- Wage equity

#### Retention

- Understand the barriers and opportunities along the career cycle key threshold at 4-5 years
- Inflexible work schedules and work-related travel

#### Promotion, Advancement, Leadership

- Make sure you have a diversity of people in senior executive positions and on boards of directors
- It's not enough to have mid-career women represented they need to be present throughout the value chain and the organisational structure



What's the ultimate goal of this research for the Pipeline community?

# CHAMPION AN INCLUSIVE SENSE OF BELONGING BY EMBRACING DIVERSITY



# Where to from here?

How can you help make sure the data from this project is useful to your organisation?



## Recommended areas of focus

- Consult women and culturally diverse people directly on what they actually need don't assume
- Review flexible working policies for all workers
- Ensure workers have access to inclusive PPE (e.g., properly fitting)
- Ensure the provision of welfare facilities including changing rooms,
  clean & safe restrooms, secure laundry facilities, and sleep areas
- Provide leave around gender-specific health and well-being such as pregnancy, menopause, and medical events
- Be proactive don't wait for an 'event' to happen
- Make sure that new hires under 30 are mentored re: culture
- Learn from leading practice within the pipeline sector
- Promote a culture of "Allyship" across diversities in background



#### From whom have we heard?

 People who have attended regional meetings or clicked links through from *Pipeliner* magazine links or emails

#### From whom have we not heard?

- People who don't attend regional events, people who don't know about the project
- People who are feeling insecure about their job and don't want to risk participating

#### What's the goal between now and November 30th?

- To reach people whose voices need to be and should be heard
- In particular, we need to hear from people of all genders



Please support this project by sending out an invitation to participate in interviews – or agree to an interview yourself! ©

Dr Bond is more than happy to come to you to discuss this research with any of your teams.

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Thank you

