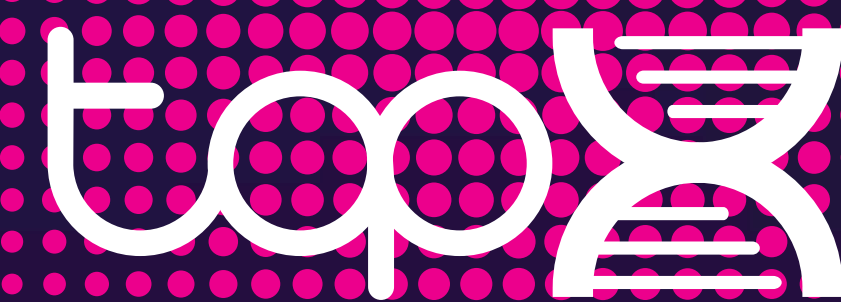


TOPX Leadership Summit 2025



Leading Together in Life Sciences & Health

Building High-Performing Teams to Drive Innovation and Benefit Society



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Empowering ambitious women to rise to the top in Life Sciences!

Welcome to the TOPX Leadership Summit for Life Sciences & Health!

Join us for the next edition of the TOPX Summit, the premier leadership event that brings together current and future leaders in life sciences and health. Over two dynamic days, we'll focus on what it truly means to lead together — with purpose, diversity, and impact. Whether you're a researcher, executive, entrepreneur, policy shaper, or industry professional, this summit is for those who want to sharpen their leadership skills, build stronger teams, and drive innovation that truly benefits society.

What to Expect

- Inspiring Keynotes from top industry and academic leaders
- Interactive Panels on career transitions, inclusive innovation, and allyship
- Deep-Dive Workshops on topics like managing up, personal branding, and high-performing teams
- 1-on-1 Speed Coaching & Networking with seasoned mentors and peers
- Real Talk on leading diverse teams, navigating career growth, and driving change together

Two Days. Two Perspectives. One Shared Mission.

Day 1 – 13 November 2025 at Corpuus Congress Centre in Leiden | Co-Creation & Awareness

A powerful program for all genders to explore leadership, allyship, and team culture in a changing industry. Discover how inclusive leadership fuels innovation and how we can all contribute to building better workplaces.

Day 2 – 14 November 2025 at Kadans Accelerator in Utrecht | Growth & Empowerment

Designed with a focus on personal and professional development for women, Day 2 offers targeted workshops, leadership coaching, and the tools to own your career journey — whether you're aiming higher, switching paths, or building new skills.

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Why Attend?

- Expand your leadership toolkit — no matter your career stage
- Learn how to lead diverse, innovation-ready teams
- Build your network with high-caliber peers and mentors
- Be part of a movement redefining leadership in life sciences

For Everyone Ready to Lead Differently

Whether you're driven to challenge the status quo, looking to become a better ally, or aiming to level up your own leadership journey.

TOPX Summit 2025 is your place to connect, grow, and lead together.



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“These wonderful days were about so much more than female empowerment. This event provided a valuable opportunity for us to spend time together as scientists, experts and leaders in this fascinating industry. Sharing knowledge, insights, and experiences regarding diversity, people management and inclusivity, will drive organizational excellence for our companies, the teams we lead and our personal journeys.”

- Attendee, TOPX Summit 2024



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME TOPX SUMMIT 2025

DAY 1 - 13 November 2025 | CORPUS Congress Centre, Leiden

09:00 - 09:30	Registration with Coffee & Tea		
09:30 - 10:45	Plenary Programme Opening by Carmen van Vilsteren, Chair Top Sector Life Sciences & Health - Keynote “Leading Together: Redefining Leadership in Science & Health” by Patricia Dankers, Professor Biomedical Materials & Chemistry at Eindhoven University of Technology, CEO of SyMO-Chem, Co-founder & CSO of VivArt-X, Co-founder & MT Helmond Biotech-materials Hub - Keynote Power Talk “Driving Results Through Diverse Teams: From Startups to Corporates” by Marcelina Dutkiewicz, AI Strategist, Educator and Advisor, Startup Mentor - Intermezzo “Your Future is Calling” by Mira Vasic, Keynote Speaker, Coach and Corporate Trainer in Leadership and DE&I		
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break		
11:15 - 12:30	Plenary Programme Keynote Presentation Panel Discussion Moderator: - Eline van Beest, Operating Partner at Thuja Capital & CEO Hybridize Therapeutics Panellists: - Edwin Moses, Chairman of a.o. Avantium, LabGenius, Nanosyrinx, Dark Blue Therapeutics, former CEO of Ablynx - Erik van den Berg, CEO Memo Therapeutics AG, Chairman TargED BioPharmaceuticals Board Member of AM Pharma - Cara Antoine, Executive VP and Chief Technology, Innovation & Portfolio Officer at Capgemini and Honorary Chapter Chair Women in Tech the Netherlands		
12:45 - 13:30	Lunch & Networking		
13:30 - 14:30	Building High-Performing Teams Creating a Culture of Excellence and Belonging	Leading (with) Different Minds Harnessing the Strengths of Neurodivergent and Introverted Talent	Bias at Work What You Don’t See Could Hold You and Your Team Back
14:30 - 15:00	Break		
15:00 - 16:00	Future-Proof Leadership How to Motivate & Retain Talent from Across Generations	Closing the Gap in Women’s Health	Better Allies, Stronger Teams The Role of Indusive Leadership and Male Allyship in Driving Innovation in Biotech & Pharma
16:00 - 16:30	Break		
16:30 - 17:30	Plenary Programme - TOPX Inclusive-3 Speeches - Keynote Presentation - Females to Follow Award Ceremony - Announcement of the winners of the SANTiAgo WISE Award		
17:30 - 18:30	Networking Drinks		
18:30 - 20:30	Walking Dinner @BioPartner Leiden		

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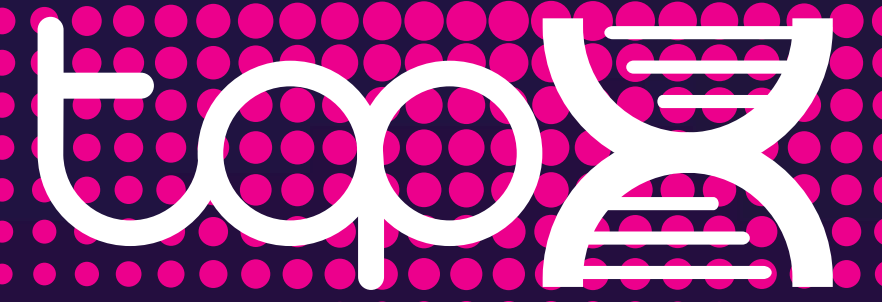
DAY 2 - 14 November 2025 | Accelerator, Utrecht

08:30 - 09:15	Registration with Coffee & Tea		
09:15 - 10:05	Plenary Programme Welcome Speech by Rob van Overbeek, Kadans Science Partner - Keynote Presentation: <i>“From Science to Strategy: My Journey to the Executive Board”</i> - Motivational keynote by Sangbreeta Moitra, Transform Exponential		
10:05 - 10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30 - 11:20	AI as Super Power for Women	Managing Up <i>Influencing Without Authority</i>	Catch Your Coach TOPX Table Session Happy Parents Coaching
11:20 - 11:30	Switch Rooms		
11:30 - 12:20	Negotiation Skills for Scientists and Leaders	Life, Leadership & Legacy	Catch Your Coach TOPX Table Session
12:20 - 13:15	Lunch		
13:15 - 14:05	How to “Own the Room” Every Time You Give a Presentation	Listen Up <i>Learning the Skill of ‘Active Listening’ and Moving Your Team Forward</i>	Catch Your Coach TOPX Table Session Stratego for Women
14:05 - 14:15	Switch Rooms		
14:15 - 15:05	Expert or Explorer? <i>Navigating Career Growth as a Specialist or Generalist</i>	Taking Space	Catch Your Coach TOPX Table Session
15:05 - 15:15	Switch Rooms		
15:15 - 16:05	Marketing for your Career <i>Strategic Positioning for Senior Roles</i>	Entrepreneurship & Funding	Catch Your Coach TOPX Table Session
16:05 - 16:30	Short Break		
16:30 - 17:20	Plenary Programme Panel Discussion “Career Transitions & Growth in Life Sciences”, with a.o. Sabine Tews, General Manager of Benelux at Gilead Sciences Keynote Presentation		
17:20 - 18:20	Networking Drinks		

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SPEAKERS TOPX SUMMIT 2025

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“Listening to all the keynote speakers with so many insightful facts backed up by data was a revelation for me. I also very much enjoyed those with more practical approaches such as impactful presence, patterns of communication, and the game of negotiation. So much learning, I was mind-blown.”

- Attendee, TOPX Summit 2024



Females to Follow Awards 2025

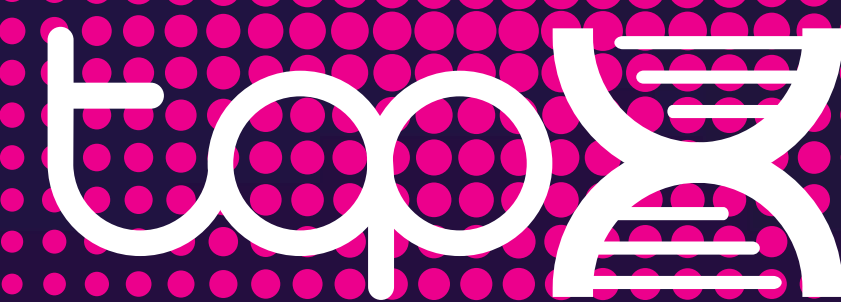
The TOPX Females to Follow awards are an initiative of TOPX Network and Hyphen Projects. The aim of this award is to give promising female talents visibility, honour outstanding women in Life Sciences & Health, celebrate the accomplishments of them, and, by doing so, inspire the next generation to follow their footsteps.

Do you know a woman whose work in Life Sciences deserves to be seen and celebrated? Now is the time to recognize her. We're honouring standout achievers in the key categories of Science, Industry and Entrepreneurship.

For bold founders and innovators who are creating new pathways and reshaping the Life Sciences landscape. Nominations are open now until 25 September 2025. This is your opportunity to shine a light on the next generation of female leaders in Life Sciences.

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