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Simona Scarpaleggia has been CEO of IKEA Switzerland since May 2010. She is a passionate campaigner for all issues surrounding women’s empowerment.

In 2009, she co-founded “Valore D” in Italy and later “Advance – Women in Swiss Business” in Switzerland. Both organizations have a mission to boost gender diversity and to increase the share of mixed-gender management teams for the benefit of our economies. Since January 2016, Scarpaleggia is also co-chairing the UN High Level Panel on Women’s Economic Empowerment.

She holds a degree in political science and an MBA from SDA Bocconi School of Management.

Simona Scarpaleggia is an Italian citizen, is married and has 3 children.