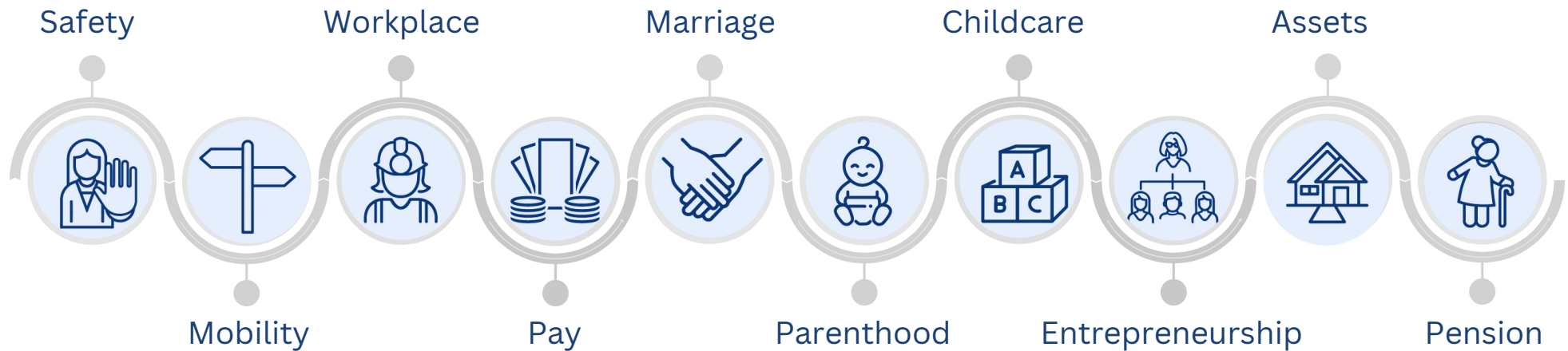


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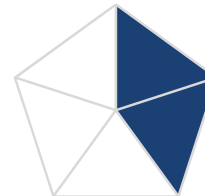


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3.9 billion women worldwide face
legal barriers to their economic
participation.

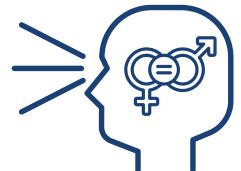
Globally, women
have just **two thirds** of the
legal rights
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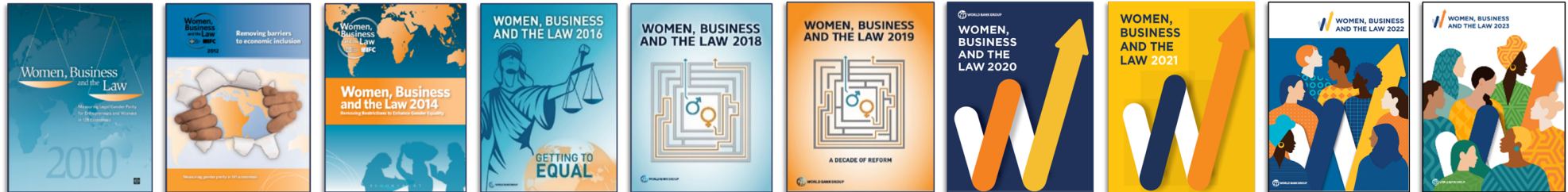
Less than **40%**
of mechanisms
are in place to
support the
implementation
of laws.

All economies can improve in
bridging the gap between laws
and their implementation.

Experts
perceive
better
outcomes
for women
on the
ground
when countries' legal
frameworks are **more**
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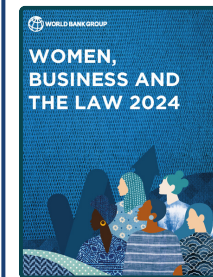
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