



PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROMOTING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

A pre-requisite for achieving inclusive and sustainable development

9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 2nd April 2018, Ramada Hotel, Tunis

Overview

The 2030 agenda for sustainable development is a wide-ranging framework for international development both in terms of areas of engagement and geographic scope. Gender Equality and Women Empowerment is addressed in SDG 5, but related gender-specific targets have been incorporated in all 17 goals. With this new ambitious agenda, the international community is faced with a momentous challenge as we move to implementation.

However, each entity is not alone, indeed SDG 17 “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development”. Promoting partnership is a mechanism for the achievement of all goals. Not only does each stakeholder need to include women and girls as key partners in development and as active economic agents but, consolidated efforts – partnerships – are needed from the public, private and communities to address the barriers that prevent women from having access to, and control over resources, and to create opportunities, which support women’s socio-economic development.

This side-event illustrates what works, as inspiration to catalyze more vigorous and harmonized efforts, to advance the women’s economic empowerment agenda in OIC member countries.

Moderator	Meg Jones – International Women Economic Empowerment Expert
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S.N	Speakers
1	H.E. Aja Fatoumata C.M. Jallow-Tambajang – Vice President of the Gambia and Minister of Women's Affairs (TBC)
2	Mohammad Naciri - Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Arab States
3	Dr. Amani Asfour - President of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW)
4	Dr. Soukeina Bouraoui - Executive Director of the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR)
5	Andrew Morrison - Chief of the Gender and Diversity Division at the Inter-American Development Bank (TBC)
6	Jamila Belabidi - Purchase Group Manager, Procter and Gamble International (P&G)