German G20 Presidency

Women20 Germany Side Event

Diverse, Resilient and Viable - Empowering Women through the G20

Date/ time: 13 March 2017, 1:15 - 2:30 pm

Venue: conference room 8, UN headquarters, New York

As a forum that brings together the leading industrialized and emerging market economies, the G20 is an example of globalization in action. It brings together almost two thirds of the global population, more than four-fifths of global GDP and three-quarters of worldwide trade. Gender equality and women’s economic empowerment are preconditions for the just and sustainable development of societies. The G20 has pledged to reduce the current gap between male and female employment by 25 percent by 2025. In 2017, the G20 should review the situation, build on this review, and focus on improving the quality of women’s employment. This includes women’s earnings, job security, social security and working conditions. Digital transformation is creating new professional prospects for women.

The side event will highlight Germany’s role as the G20 President 2017 to tackle these current obstacles for women’s economic empowerment and will introduce W20 as a young but influential G20 outreach dialogue; advancing women’s economic empowerment in the G20 and beyond.

Speakers: Elke Ferner, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Justine Greening, Secretary of State for Education and Minister for Women and Equalities, United Kingdom

Mona Küppers, Chair Women20 Germany President of the National Council of German Women’s Organizations

Meg Jones, Chief, Economic Empowerment, UN Women

Elizabeth Vazquez, Board President/ CEO and Co-Founder, WEConnect International

Claudia Große-Leege, General Manager, Association of German Women Entrepreneurs

Franziska Kreische, Project Manager, betterplace lab

Moderator: Juliane Rosin, Executive Manager, Women20 Germany

RSVP: Due to limited room capacity please rsvp to Clara Gördes: assistant1@w20-germany.org including your name, organization and position (if applicable) and an indication, if you have a UN badge -- no later than the 7th of March 2017--