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
- **Meg Jones**, Chief, Economic Empowerment, UN Women
- **Elizabeth Vazquez**, Board President/ CEO and Co-Founder, WEConnect International
- **Mona Küppers**, Chair Women20 Germany President of the National Council of German Women’s Organizations
- **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 5th of March 2017--