CSW61 SIDE EVENT:

Digitalization, Care and Reconciliation: Shaping the Future of Gender Equality

Wednesday, 22 March 2017
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room B, UNHQ

Moderator and welcoming remarks:
- Ms. Martina Štěpánková, Deputy Minister for Human Rights, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

Speakers:
- Ms. Anuradha Seth, UN WOMEN
- Mr. Kevin Cassidy, International Labour Organisation
- Mr. Patrik Haratyk, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic
- Ms. Helena Skálová, Czech NGO Gender Studies

Advancing women’s economic empowerment is essential for achieving gender equality, realising human rights and for sustainable development. Significant gender inequalities in the labour market remain an everyday reality of countless women around the globe.

The world of work is changing in significant ways, marked by innovations and structural changes. This process represents both an opportunity and threat to gender equality and women’s rights. In some cases innovations and structural changes can bring about positive changes related to narrowing the remaining gender gaps. In other cases they can maintain persistent gender stereotypes, occupational segregation, unequal working conditions and women’s burden of unpaid domestic and care work.

The side-event will examine how digitalization, innovations and structural changes influence gender equality in the labour market and employment opportunities of women. What is the prediction of the Czech labour market in the context of digitalization, care and gender equality? What are the main opportunities and threats connected to the changing world of work in the global perspective? How can we support the economic empowerment of women, especially in relation to changes in the labour market and in relation to care responsibilities? What is the role of women in the digitalization process? That are just some of the question this side-event aims to discuss.

All CSW61 delegates with a valid UN pass are invited (capacity of the room is limited to 50).

Please RSVP at jana_prikrylova@mzv.cz by 17 March.