The OECD Development Centre and the Japan International Cooperation Agency are pleased to invite you to the CSW side event

“Overcoming the barriers to women’s economic empowerment for 2030: lessons learned from new data, policies and initiatives”

Tuesday 21 March
11:30 am to 12:45 pm
UN Headquarters Conference Room A

Please join us as a side event to the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women, jointly organised by the OECD Development Centre and the Japan International Cooperation Agency, in cooperation with the German Federal Ministry for economic development and Cooperation, and Plan International.

This side event will offer new knowledge and understanding of the different barriers and solutions to women’s economic empowerment. The panel discussion will aim to showcase comprehensive approaches, bringing together latest evidence from research and analysis, project operations and policy experiences. It will bring together experts and policy makers who will share and exchange with the audience their insights on key steps to achieving the SDG targets related to women’s economic empowerment. The panel discussion will conclude with a Q&A session with the audience.

Speakers will include:

- **Keiko Nowacka**, Gender Programme Co-ordinator at the OECD Development Centre, who will give opening remarks on the role of addressing discriminatory social norms to support women’s economic empowerment.
- **Aya Yamaguchi**, Senior Gender Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency, who will present the lessons learned from JICA’s experience in Cambodia to support women’s economic empowerment.
- **Norman Schräpel**, Policy Advisor (GIZ) German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) who will present the German government’s G20 presidency dedicated initiative #eSkills4girls, aiming to bridge the gender digital divide.
- **Zara Rapoport**, Head of UN Liaison Office, Plan International.

For more information on this event, or to register, please email dev.gender@oecd.org

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