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Ensuring gender just trade: Challenges and ways forward

Wednesday, 13 March 2019, UN building, Room D, 11.30 am - 12.45 pm

Concept Note

Trade policy is not gender neutral. It has a very specific and particular impact on women due to perpetual discrimination and disadvantage experienced by women. Moreover, women are not a homogenous group and, therefore, they are differently impacted by trade depending on their income, position in the labour market, educational level, race, class, countries, etc. If trade policies are designed without taking into account their gender-specific outcomes, these policies risk magnifying existing gender inequalities.

The event will provide the opportunity to share perspectives, concerns, lessons learned and recommendations from a wide range of stakeholders on what constitutes gender-just trade for women in the Global South and on how to make trade a tool for inclusive development.

Programme

Moderator

Caitlin Kraft-Buchman, Founder and CEO Women@TheTable

Speakers

Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Mariama Williams, South Centre

Sheba Tejani, New School, New York

Sanam Amin, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law & Development (APWLD)

Questions and Answers