

The Governments of Finland, Kenya, the Philippines and Switzerland and the OECD and UN Women invite you to a side event at the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women

**Laying the groundwork for women's economic empowerment:
Social policies and unpaid care work**

3:00 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, 12 March 2019
Room EXP-B, UN Headquarters, NY

Join us for a discussion on how social protection and public services can promote women's economic empowerment by addressing the unequal distribution of unpaid care work, transforming gender stereotypes, and designing gender-responsive social protection and public service provisions that respond to societies' growing care needs. The event will be an opportunity to hear from a diverse range of national experiences and learn from new OECD research on what works to address unpaid care work, through investments in social protection, public services, and infrastructure and how to promote equal distribution within the household.

Opening remarks: **Markus Seiler**, General Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Speakers:

Jorma Korhonen, Director General, Prime Minister's Office, Finland

Hon. Safina Kwekwe, Principal Secretary, State Department Gender, Kenya

Mona Sherpa, Assistant Country Director for Program Quality, CARE Nepal

Lisa Williams, Team Lead, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, OECD

Amparo Miciano Sykioco, Secretary-General, the Philippines' National Rural Women Coalition

Moderator: **Shahra Razavi**, Chief of Research and Data, UN Women

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