On the occasion of the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) The Government of Switzerland, SIDA, UNCDF, UNDP and UN Women cordially invite you to the side event:

“Increasing Public and Private Investments for Gender-responsive Infrastructure and Enterprises”
When: 12 March 2019, 1.00-2.30 pm
Where: Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, 633 Third Avenue, 29th floor, NY

Chair: Ms. Judith Karl, Executive Secretary, UNCDF
Opening remarks: Mr. Markus René Seiler, Secretary General, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland
Panelists: Dr. Shamsul Arefin, Secretary, Cabinet Division, Bangladesh
Ms. Eva Johansson, Lead Policy Advisor on Gender Equality, SIDA
Ms. Felogene Anumo, Building Feminist Economies Coordinator, AWID
Ms. Martha C. Jaramillo, Co-Chair, 100 Women in Finance

Closing remarks: Ms. Raquel Lagunas, Senior Policy Advisor on Gender Mainstreaming, UNDP
Ms. Louise Nylin, Chief, Political Analysis and Programme Development Unit, UN Women

About the event: The event will bring together member states, development practitioners and private sector to explore importance of gender responsive investments in improving economic opportunities for women. Focusing on SMEs and infrastructure investments, the discussion will highlight opportunities and existing challenges in increasing public and private resources for women's economic empowerment in some of the least developed regions around the world.

The event is open to all Member States, representatives of UN entities and civil society organizations. Please R.S.V.P. by COB Monday, 11 March, to gabriela.potts@eda.admin.ch in order to get the access to the Mission.