Germany, Switzerland and the International Labour Organization would like to invite you to a CSW Side Event on

"Economic Empowerment of Women – A Question of Transparency"

Monday, March 9th 2015, 1:00 pm – 2:45 pm

German House
871 United Nations Plaza
First Avenue at 49th Street, New York, NY. 10017

Discussion Theme

Women’s economic empowerment is an indispensable precondition for gender equality and inclusive economic growth. Women contribute enormously to economies, whether in businesses, as entrepreneurs or employees, or by doing unpaid care work at home. But still today they do not get the same recognition and financial rewards. This limits their possibilities to participate in the shaping of economic and social policies. We aim to raise awareness on women’s rights and equal economic independence with an emphasis on equal pay and transparency mechanisms. Furthermore, the Side Event will put an emphasize on the important role social partners – employers’ and workers’ organisations –play to support decent work and the empowerment of women including through advocating for equal pay and collective bargaining.

Programme

Welcome and Key Note  Manuela Schwesig, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Panellists

Shauna Olney, Chief Gender, Equality and Diversity Branch, International Labour Organization

Sylvie Durrer, Director of the Gender Equality Ministry Switzerland

Henrike von Platen, President of Business and Professional Women (BPW) Germany

Discussion

A light lunch will be served.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to your participation.

Kindly RSVP by March 4th to Kathrin Nagle, pol-s2-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de.