Bringing Down the Barriers:
Women, Business and the Rule of Law
*Working Roundtable Breakfast in parallel with CSW/Beijing+20*

Jointly hosted by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the United States Council for International Business (USCIB), the World Bank Group and the UN Global Compact, this session aims to foster knowledge exchange and enhance dialogue for partnerships on issues related to women, business and the rule of law through the lens of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda and the proposed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The working breakfast will examine how establishing conducive enabling environments and good governance (Goal 16) helps women to thrive as entrepreneurs and employees, which can foster, and is fostering, greater and more inclusive sustainable development.

Research by the World Bank Group, “Women, Business and the Law 2014: Removing Restrictions to Enhance Gender Equality”, shows that economies in every region of the world impose some legal differences based on gender that impede women from achieving their full potential in their role as employees and/or entrepreneurs. Systematically addressing these barriers, as a growing number of countries are doing, is paving the way for greater economic empowerment for women, families and societies, and would help to achieve a number of the proposed SDG targets [e.g., in Goals 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8]. Benefits for economies include decreased income inequality, greater participation in the labour force, and more sustainable economic growth.

Kindly note that this event has reached its capacity and is closed for further registration.