On the occasion of the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women

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invite you to attend

Increasing women’s workforce participation: Barriers and solutions from the G20 and beyond

Thursday 12 March 2015, from 1.15pm to 2.30pm
Conference Room 11
UN Headquarters, New York

In late 2014, G20 leaders committed to reduce the gap in workforce participation rates between men and women by 25% by 2025. This panel discussion will explore how to improve women’s workforce participation within G20 countries and beyond.

Sharing examples from different country and economic contexts, the panel will discuss the barriers that inhibit the full and equal participation of women.

The panel will also consider the economic impacts of unequal workforce participation, and will discuss recent policies, measures, and approaches from around the world intended to improve women’s workforce participation, economic empowerment, and gender equality.

Remarks by:
Senator the Hon. Michaelia Cash, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women, Australian Government (Chair)
Elizabeth Broderick, Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Australia
HE Ms Pham Thi Hai Chuyen, Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs (Vietnam)
Hiroko Hashimoto, Professor Emeritus of Gender Studies and Principal, Jumonji High School, Japan
Carmen Quintanilla, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly, Spain
Ms. Nesrin Çelik, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, Turkey (Closing Remarks)

Concept note and final agenda to follow.

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