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**29<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum**

**“Promoting comprehensive security, stability and sustainable development in the OSCE  
area through women’s economic empowerment”**

**FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING**

**Vienna, 15-16 February 2021**

Venue: via Zoom

**DRAFT ANNOTED AGENDA**

**Monday, 15 February 2021**

**09:30 - 11:00            Opening Session**

**Welcoming remarks**

- **Ambassador Ulrika Funered**, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE, 2021 OSCE Swedish Chairpersonship
- **OSCE Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid**

**Keynote speeches**

- **Ms. Karin Strandås**, State Secretary to the Minister for Gender Equality and Housing, Sweden
- **Ms. Liliana Palihovici**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender
- **Ms. Petra Tötterman Andorff**, Secretary General of the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation

**Moderator: Ambassador Ulrika Funered**, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE, 2021 OSCE Swedish Chairpersonship

**Statements by Delegations**

**11:00 - 11:30            Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:30 - 13:00**      **Session I: Promote policy and legislative measures that lead to women's equal economic participation and opportunities**

**Selected Topics:**

- The elimination of discrimination against women, and the advancement of gender equality, in the economic sphere
- Policy approaches to support women's equal economic participation and opportunities
- Public-private partnership in support of women's equal economic participation

**Moderator: Ambassador Florian Raunig**, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee.

**Speakers:**

- **Ms. Fernanda Ferreira Dias**, Director General, Ministry of Economy and Digital Transition, Portugal
- **Dr. Elgun Safarov**, UN CEDAW Committee member, Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Ms. Gulnora Makhmudova**, Chairperson of the Business Women's Association of Uzbekistan
- **Ms. Daniela Pferr**, Head of Division, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany, and **Dr. Thilo Engel**, acting Head of Division, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

**Discussion**

**13:00 - 14:30**      Lunch break

**14:30 - 16:00**      **Session II: Building women's human capital**

**Selected Topics:**

- Formulating appropriate approaches to education, training, upskilling, reskilling and life-long learning as a tool for achieving women's economic empowerment
- Increasing women's participation in "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics" (STEM)
- Improving women's and girls' access to education and digital technology

**Moderator: Mr. Christophe Kamp**, Director of the office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

### **Speakers:**

- **Ms. Katri Viinikka**, Ambassador for Gender Equality, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
- **Prof. Christiana Carletti**, University of Roma Tre, Department of Equal Opportunities, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy
- **Ms. Egle Radisauskiene**, Director General, Lithuanian Business Confederation/ICC Lithuania
- **Ms. Anna Koukkides-Procopiou**, Gender Expert on Economic and Political Inclusion; Senior Fellow at the Center for European and International Affairs, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

### **Discussion**

**16:00 - 16:30** Coffee/Tea Break

**16:30 -18:00** **Session III: Promoting women's equal participation in the labour market**

#### **Selected Topics:**

- The gender pay gap and policy and legislative approaches to bridge it
- Traditionally male- or female dominated employment sectors, including the role of women in health care in responding to COVID-19
- Redistributing parental responsibilities with the aim to promote women's equal participation in the labour market
- Gender-sensitive social protection in increasingly insecure labour markets

**Moderator: Dr. Hedy Fry**, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Special Representative on Gender Issues

### **Speakers:**

- **Ms. Mia Mitchell**, Director, Women's Global Development and Prosperity Unit, Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State
- **Mr. Umberto Cattaneo**, Economist, ILO Gender, Equality and Diversity&ILOAIDS Branch, International Labour Organization
- **Ms. Lyazzat Ramzanova**, Chairperson of the National Commission on Women's Affairs and Family and Demographic Policy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Member of the Committee for Social and Cultural Development of Mazhilis of Parliament, Chairperson of the Council of Business Women of NCE RK "Atameken"
- **Ms. Christine Mayrhofer**, Senior Economist, Austrian Institute of Economic Research

### **Discussion**

## Tuesday 16 February 2021

**09:30 - 11:00**            **Session IV: Supporting women's equal access to economic assets and financial goods and services**

### **Selected topics:**

- Supporting an enabling environment for women's equal access to innovation support systems
- From micro-credit to inclusive financial systems: supporting women's equal access to finance
- Women's equal access to and control over loans, property and inheritance rights

**Moderator: Ms. Müge Dolun**, Gender Co-ordinator ad-interim, Office for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

### **Speakers:**

- **Ms. Dajna Sorensen**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy of Albania
- **Ms. Annie Vashakmadze**, Head of Donor Relations and International Relations Department of the Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency, Georgia
- **Ms. Neha Dean**, Senior Policy Advisor for Equity Finance, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and **Ms. Julie Baker**, Head of Enterprise and Climate Engagement at NatWest, United Kingdom

## **Discussion**

**11:00 - 11:30**            Coffee/Tea Break

**11:30 – 13:00**            **Concluding Session**

## **Statements by Delegations / Discussion**

### **Concluding Remarks**

- **Ambassador Tobias Lorentzon**, Chairperson of the OSCE Preparatory Committee, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE
- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Moderator: Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities