



## **Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe**

**Joint Conference by the 2018 Italian OSCE Chairmanship and the OSCE Gender Section**

### ***“Digital Transformation – Challenges and Opportunities for Women to Shape Economic Progress in the OSCE Area”***

**Vienna, 30 October 2018**

#### **Annotated Agenda**

**Tuesday, 30 October 2018**

**10:00 – 10:30 Registration and welcome coffee**

**10:30 – 11:00 Opening Session**

**11:00 – 12:30 Session 1:      **Overcoming persisting barriers to women’s participation in the digital economy****

*This session will help us to understand the current state of participation of women in STEMM-related careers as well as potential ways through which OSCE participating States can promote a higher female representation in this field. Policies aimed at fostering an environment that facilitates greater engagement and retention of women and girls in STEMM education and professions will be discussed with the support of representatives of international organization, government, private sector and academia.*

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 15:30 Session 2      **Seizing opportunities and addressing risks presented by the digital transformation for women’s participation in the economy****

*This session will address labour market adjustments caused by digitalization and necessary responses to ensure that women will benefit from new forms of employment, including shared economy and web-based female entrepreneurships. The discussion will also address the potential risks of flexible and new work arrangements for women and will explore*

*opportunities offered by broadband internet access and other digital technologies to close the gender gap.*

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 17:30 Session 3      Digital Transformation of the Economy – Widening or Closing the gender gap in the OSCE area?**

*The impact of digital transformation on the participation of women in the economic sector is still unknown. This session will help us to understand why States are failing to harness the opportunities offered by the digital transformation for overcoming the gaps between men and women in terms of economic participation, remuneration and leadership. It will also provide States with good practices and positive policies responses to be potentially implemented in the OSCE area.*

**17:30 Closing remarks**