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

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING
Sweden, 10-11 June 2021

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 10 June 2021

9:30 - 11:00 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

Statements by Delegations

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

11:30 - 13:00 Session I: Economic empowerment of women as an important element in promoting comprehensive security, stability and sustainable development in the OSCE area, and the role of relevant stakeholders in achieving this goal

Selected Topics:

- Women’s economic empowerment as a key factor in the full, equal, and effective participation of women in all spheres of society.
- Promoting better working conditions for women through harnessing social dialogue.
- The role of business and civil society, particularly women’s rights organizations, as important partners in promoting women’s economic empowerment, with a view to achieving gender equality in the economic sphere.
• The importance of actively engaging men and boys in eliminating discrimination against women and girls, including in education and in the economic sphere.

Discussion

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 16:00 Session II: Promoting women’s entrepreneurship and equal participation in business and in trade

Selected Topics:
• The importance of gender-mainstreamed trade policies and trade agreements in tackling discrimination and supporting women’s role in business, entrepreneurship and participation in trade.
• The role of disaggregated data in promoting women’s entrepreneurship.
• Promoting women in business, as entrepreneurs, and removing barriers, especially in the services sector and in global supply chains, including through skills development and education for girls.
• Promoting women as leaders in the economic and business sector.

Discussion

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee/Tea Break

16:30 -18:00 Session III: Promoting sustainable development by empowering women and girls as contributors to the protection of the environment

Selected topics:
• Promoting women’s role in accelerating the low carbon economy through skills, networking, and training.
• Facilitating women-led innovation in energy efficiency and other sustainable technologies.
• Advancing women’s involvement in decision making and leadership for the protection of the environment and water management.
• Strengthening the role of girls in the protection of the environment.
• Promoting gender mainstreaming to enhance the role of women throughout sustainable development.

Discussion
Friday, 11 June 2021

09:30 - 11:00 Session IV: Empowering women in trade and transport facilitation

Selected topics:
- The role of disaggregated data in promoting women’s participation in trade and transport facilitation.
- Sharing best practices on collective efforts to promote women’s equal economic participation in trade and transport facilitation at national, regional and international levels.
- Promoting women’s leadership in trade and transport facilitation.

Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

11:30 - 13:00 Concluding Session

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Concluding Remarks