

**Thematic Working Group – Private Sector Workstream**

**Women’s Economic Empowerment**

**- from strategy to implementation –**

**22 March 2022 | 13.30 – 16.30**

**Venue:** [**MS Teams**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YmQ3ODA0MjItZTdiYi00Yjg5LThjZTMtOGIwYmU2YTNmN2Zm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%225bbab28c-def3-4604-8822-5e707da8dba8%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229b59d3a0-01aa-4e94-b64b-285a46c0fdb4%22%7d)

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| **Time** | **Item** | **Who** |
| 13.30 – 13.40 | 1. **Background and Introduction**  * Welcome, background and agenda * Opening remarks European Commission | Eelco Baan, Co-Chair PN PSWG, SNV  Laura Atienza, INTPA |
| 13.40 – 14.20 | 1. **Strategic framework for Women Economic Empowerment**  * DG INTPA and DG NEAR on Women’s Economic Empowerment Framework * AECID | Joanna Kahiluoto, INTPA  Ilektra Tsakalidou, NEAR  Eloise Kilhoffer, NEAR  Victoria Wulff, AECID |
| 14.20 – 15.00 | 1. **Donor Committee on Enterprise Development**  * Introduction DCED * DCED and Women Economic Empowerment * Women Economic Empowerment and COVID-19 * Discussion | Jim Tanburn, DCED  Lisanne van Beek, RVO  Claudia Geiser, GIZ  Kate Grantham (FemDev Consulting) |
| 15.00 – 15.15 | BREAK |  |
| 15.15 – 16.20 | 1. **Exchange experiences MSOs**  * Private Sector and Economy Division, Expertise France * Team Europe Initiative on Gender, Zimbabwe * Investment Climate Reform Facility, GIZ, SNV, Expertise France, British Council * Discussion | Ariane Philis, Expertise France  Linda Kalenga, EU Delegation Zimbabwe  Irene Danquah, British Council |
| 16.20 – 16.30 | 1. **Wrap up and closure** | Caroline Monmarchon, Co-Chair PN PSWG, GIZ |

* Gender division working at multilateral level: AU and women, earmarked contributions
* Presence in the filed: importance for networks and trusts with partners: 20 countries AMLAT, Sahel, MOZ, and S neighbourhood. Field offices are part of the embassies which ensure connections with the political and trade part of the embassies.
* Africa:
  + WEE though the NEPAD fund 🡪 now AUDA. 20 million, 10 years and closed last year with evelaution about the results of the funds with open calls for projects: incubators, financial inclusion.
  + EU TF for migration in Africa: Mali and cashew nuts,
  + RISA: young leaders for women, meeting in Madrid the Spanish admin
* S Neighbourhood: enabling environments 🡪 importance the work on the legal framework for financial inclusion for women. MASAR programme.
* Am Lat: business incubators Espuelas tailer 🡪 TVET learning by doing, linked to recovering the heritage. Interesting area of new masculinity, working though the indigenous programme
* Innovative finance: InclusivFar 🡪 diasporas. Micro-finance
* Technical assistance is key, but also blending
* AFD, CDP and KfW with AECID for Enhanced Partnership Platform 🡪 EDDS proposal to discuss gender financing in a lab.

COVID 19 and WEE

* Unferstand key economic risks and challenging, responses and guidances
* Early 2021 research: disproportionate effect on wormen and girls
  + Drop out of the work force more than men
  + Exacerbating pre-xisting gender gaps
  + Economic insecurity: increased GBV
  + SRR 🡪 impact on ht epandemic on repreoductive health
* Gender responsive economic prog are needed:
  + Adjusting operations to make them more flexible and test ways to digitise progs
  + New support with funds, equipment’s and expertise
  + Global research efforts
* Crucial topics to start:
  + No specific programming in the research nut emphasis on multi-dimensional progs