

**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, SNVLaura 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, INTPAIlektra Tsakalidou, NEAREloise Kilhoffer, NEARVictoria 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, DCEDLisanne van Beek, RVOClaudia Geiser, GIZKate 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 FranceLinda Kalenga, EU Delegation ZimbabweIrene 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