



Side Event at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2017

17 July 2017, 1:15 – 2:30 PM, Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Secretariat, New York

Accelerating Women's Economic Empowerment to Achieve the 2030 Agenda

Organizers: United Nations Secretary General's (UNSG's) High-Level Panel (HLP) on Women's Economic Empowerment, the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica and United Kingdom (UK) to the UN, UN Women and the International Chamber of Commerce

Opening remarks	António Guterres, UN Secretary General (TBC)
Moderator	Purna Sen, Director, Policy Division, UN Women
Panelists	Olga Sánchez, Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy of Costa Rica Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer, UK Guy Ryder, Director General, International Labour Organisation (ILO) (TBC) Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Under Secretary General & Executive Director, UN Women
Special remarks	John Danilovich, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
Actions & commitments	The <i>Group of Champions for Women's Economic Empowerment</i> – Argentina, Australia, Mexico, Norway, Thailand, and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Chief, Strategic Planning and Membership, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Carolyn Nguyen, Vice Chair, International Chamber of Commerce Commission on the Digital Economy, Director of Technology Policy at Microsoft Rosa Pavanelli, Secretary General, Public Services International (PSI) (TBC) ...and other stakeholders!

The UNSG's High-Level Panel (HLP) on Women's Economic Empowerment, established in January 2016, has combined energy, commitment and action to develop an agenda in support of women's economic empowerment for achieving the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. The Panel, with influential membership from governments, private sector, civil society and global multi-lateral institutions, laid out seven drivers of transformation. **The 61st Commission on the Status of Women** (March 2017) on *Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work* also committed to creating an enabling environment for women's work by transforming the economies and societies in which they live. During **the HLPF 2017** member states will review SDG 5 (together with SDG 1, 2, 3, 9, 14 and 17) on the theme *Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*. Bringing together HLP members, the Group of Champions and other stakeholders, this event will highlight concrete actions that demonstrate linkages between women's economic empowerment and the achievement of the SDGs – to ensure women's voice, choice and security – so that no one is left behind. The Group of Champions are Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica (Co-Chair), Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, UAE, UK (Co-Chair) & Zambia. Participants at this event will also share ideas on how information communication technology can be leveraged to support women's economic empowerment to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Please join us and RSVP at: yvonne.usher@unwomen.org, latest by 10:00 am on Thursday (13 July) so that we can arrange your access to the UN Secretariat building.

For more on the High-Level Panel, please see: <http://hlp-wee.unwomen.org/en>. Find us on Twitter @UNHLP