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PROMOTING EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN DECISION-MAKING SYSTEMS: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

23 February 2024

World Trade Institute,
University of Bern, Switzerland

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AGENDA

13:30-14:00 **Registration**

14:00-14:15 **Opening**

Welcome Address: **Prof. Elisa Fornalé** (World Trade Institute)
Introduction to the Conference Theme and Objective

14:15-16:15 **First Session** Women Participation: Introduction to The CEDAW Draft General Recommendation on Equal and Inclusive Representation of Women in Decision-Making Systems

Chair: **Prof. Elham Manea** (University of Zurich)

Dr Nicole Ameline (UN CEDAW Committee) - Achieving the Paradigm Shift - Challenges and Prospects

Prof. Ivana Krstić (UN Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls) - Women's Empowerment through the Lens of Intersectionality: Transformative Approach to Achieve Gender Equality

Prof. Isabel Ascension Trujillo Perez (University of Palermo) - Rule of Law, Rule of Men and Rule of Women. Reforming Power and Decision - Making



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Prof. Claudia Martin (American University Washington College of Law) - Women Participation at International Level

Dr Flavia Bustreo (Member, Global Women Leaders Voices) - Women Leadership and Multilateralism

Discussion

16:15-16:30 Coffee-Break

16:30-18:30 Second Session Economic Participation

Chair: **Prof. Maura Marchegiani** (University for Foreigners of Perugia)

Dr Esther Eghobamien-Mshelia (UN CEDAW Committee) - Holistic Economic Frameworks: Gateway to Parity

Dr Anoush der Boghossian (World Trade Organization) - The Interconnectedness of Economic Empowerment and Political Representation (Trade and Gender)

H.E. Clara Delgado Jesus (Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, Cabo Verde) - Trade - Gender Nexus: Insights from Cabo Verde

Ms Alva Bruun (European External Action Service, EU) - Barriers and Drivers : The Role of 'Economic Violence' and Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence

Ms Javiera Thais Santa Cruz (OSCE) - Women's Economic Participation Within the Framework of the OSCE's Comprehensive Approach to Security

Dr Federica Cristani (Institute of International Relations Prague) - Linking International Investment Policies to Women's Economic Empowerment

Prof. Elisa Cavasino (University of Palermo) Gender Mainstreaming and National Plans of Recovery and Resilience? Some Remarks from the Italian Experience

Prof. Elisa Fornalé and Ms Modesta Nsoawa-Adu (World Trade Institute) - Voices from the Field: Key Insights from GEM Research

Discussion

18:30-18:45 Concluding remarks (**Prof. Mona Lena Krook**, Rutgers University)

Summary of Key Insights and Recommendations

Call to Action: Commitments from Participants

Co-organized by: **Prof. Elisa Fornalé** (University of Bern), **Dr Federica Cristani** (IIR) and **Prof. Claudia Martin** (GQUAL)



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