



WOMEN'S ECONOMIC INCLUSION

Strategies for global
and local impact

Panel Session: An Interactive dialogue at the
NGOCSW67 Forum held in parallel with to
sixty-seventh session of the United Nations
Commission on the Status of Women

Date: Thurs, 9 March 2023 | Time: 10:30AM EST
Venue: CCUN 10th Floor, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York

CONCEPT NOTE



Introduction

For decades, women have continued to face a higher risk of financial and social vulnerability and exclusion, with humanitarian crises such as conflicts and pandemics further increasing such vulnerabilities and widening the gaps in development. With women facing disproportionate negative impacts of these crises, strategies that adequately account for and respond to the inclusion of gender-specific issues are necessary to ensure inclusion and equality.

Economic inclusion promotes the rights of women and their access to socio-economic and financial assets and rights, creating opportunities and systems that enable self-sufficiency and strengthens the resilience of families and communities in times of hardship.



Panel Session

The panel session will convene key drivers in gender, inclusion and policy-making to provide critical insights on frameworks that promote women's economic inclusion and adopt gender-intentional programming while mitigating unintended negative gendered consequences.

The session will facilitate an interactive discussions with stakeholders to share sustainable strategies and solutions to closing the inequality gap that limits women's access to economic opportunities. The hour-long session is open to all registered and unregistered participants of the NGOCSW67 Forum and UNCSW67.

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Session Objectives

- Knowledge sharing on the impact of gendered economic inequality on women's health, economic empowerment, and development.
- Create an opportunity for organizations and individuals to share experience and strategies in strengthening women's economic participation, for adaptation and scaling.
- Promote strong women-centred initiatives and autonomous women's movements by strengthening partnership and networking opportunities.

Discussion focus

- Lessons to learn in the last decade of women economic empowerment and its effect on closing the gender gap in economic inclusion.
- Gender disparities in access to economic resources and its impact on women's health and social and economic development.
- What works for women's economic inclusion in low and middle income settings. What doesn't and how can we tell the difference in time.

Session outcomes

- Recommendations on sustainable approaches to increasing investment in women's economic inclusion in low and middle income countries.
- Increased inter-sectoral partnerships among development partners, financial institutions, civil society groups and other relevant stakeholders to drive initiatives that promote women's economic participation and financial security.



Panel Structure

The panel will open with brief remarks on the topic and introduction of the panellist. Each panellist will respond to questions about their work in women's economic inclusion and related issues of the discourse. All responses will be structured around current trends in addressing inequalities and common challenges to women's economic inclusion at all levels. Panellists will share innovative strategies to increasing women's economic inclusion, covering policies, advocacy and systems.

Panel will be open for contributions and interactive dialogue with in-person and virtual audience. Panel will close with final remarks from panellists. Refreshments will be served during networking.



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