

On International Women's day  
The OECD Development Cluster will hold  
the High-Level Event:

## Achieving women's economic empowerment by 2030: From Global Commitment to Policy Solutions

8 March 2017  
OECD Conference Centre, Auditorium,  
2 rue André Pascal 75016 Paris  
10am – 11.30am

Women's economic empowerment is widely recognised as one of the most effective means of catalysing positive social transformation in favour of gender equality with wide-ranging positive impacts for women and their communities as well as national economies. Recent studies corroborated by OECD research all come to the same conclusion: economies are more resilient, productive and inclusive when they reduce gender inequalities and actively support women's equal participation in all spheres of life.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Ms **Charlotte Petri Gornitzka**, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee and H.E. Mr **Pierre Duquesne**, Chair of the OECD Development Centre's Governing Board, Ambassador of France to the OECD, in coordination with the GENDERNET, warmly invite you to the OECD Development Cluster's first High-Level Event on gender equality, focusing on women's economic empowerment, and to announce a new initiative aimed at supporting countries with new policy solutions and tools.

Ms **Gabriela Ramos**, Sherpa to the G20 and Chief of Staff of the OECD will deliver a keynote introduction on challenges and options for women's economic empowerment.

High-level panellists will present their country's policy engagement in this area:

- H.E. Ms **Michelle d' Auray**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the OECD
- H.E. Mr **Jorge Faurie**, Ambassador of Argentina to France
- H.E. Ms **Annika Markovic**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OECD
- Ms **Nthabiseng Malefane**, Minister Plenipotentiary of South Africa to France

The event will be moderated by Mr **Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte**, Senior Communications Manager for the Development Cluster.  
Staff are kindly invited to register [here](#).

This event is open to the public.  
To register, please contact Ciara Keeshan ([ciara.keeshan@oecd.org](mailto:ciara.keeshan@oecd.org))  
by 6 March 2017  
OECD staff members are welcome to register [here](#)