Seminar on Women and the Future of Work in Asia and the Pacific

The Thematic Working Group on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (TWG-GEEW), the International Labour Organization and Australian Government’s Department of Employment invite you to an interactive seminar under the theme of ‘Women and the Future of Work in Asia and the Pacific’.

We are pleased to welcome four visiting researchers/authors of the selected papers who will present their findings and discuss their papers in an informal setting at ESCAP.

Date: January 30, 2018
Time: 14:00 – 16:00
Location: ESCAP - Room A

As the ‘Future of Work’ is being discussed around the world, women continue to be the most under-utilised and potentially game-changing factor for a fair and prosperous economy. Recent ILO estimates suggest that a reduction in the gap in participation rates between men and women by 25% has the potential to increase the GDP in Asia and the Pacific by as much as USD 3.2 Trillion. Countries in the Asia and the Pacific region can no longer afford to lose out on the social and economic potential of gender equality.

To examine the opportunities and challenges of the future at work for women, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Australian Government’s Department of Employment partnered on the promotion of ‘Women and the Future of Work in Asia and the Pacific’ in order to advance evidence-based policy recommendations towards policy-makers for the world of work, running up to the ILO’s Centenary Anniversary. A competitive call for papers went out last year in order to identify topics that would be relevant for these debates. These papers are one input into a forthcoming ILO-DoE Regional report to be launched in March 2018 - and to advance policy recommendations for the Future of Work.

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<td>Opening Remarks – Co-chairs of TWG-GEEW (ESCAP &amp; UN Women) and Australian Government</td>
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| 14:10 – 14:30 | A Snapshot on Trends and Key Issues for Women and the Future of Work in Asia and the Pacific  
Presenter: Ms. Sriani Kring-Ameratunga  
Moderator: Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, ESCAP |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | Panel: Breaking glass ceilings and walls and rendering decent work for women – from policy to practice  
Moderator: Ms. Ingrid Fitzgerald (UNFPA)  
Ms. Ruckhika Joshi, Researcher and public-sector consultant  
Ms. Linda Wirth-Dominice, Gender, Diversity and Development Consultant  
Ms. Mia Urbano, Regional Social Development Specialist South East Asia Region Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Australia  
Ms. Susana Barria, Project Coordinator, Public Service International (PSI) Sub-Regional Office for South Asia, India |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Question and Answer period |
| 16:00 | Wrap-up and thank you |