

GIZ Gender Week 2016

Invitation

Dear Colleagues and Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Women's economic empowerment is considered key to strengthening human rights and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Women's participation in the economy reduces poverty and inequality, promotes growth and benefits all. In many countries affected by conflict and crisis, gender-based constraints to unleashing women's full economic capacity are particularly severe. Women experience heightened disadvantages in education, which leads to lower technical skills and limits their employability. This is intensified by restricted mobility, inadequate social protection and an additional burden of care for the injured, elderly and children. While more women might work during conflict, these jobs are often extremely insecure. Nevertheless, as women take on other economic and social roles, this could also path the way towards a lasting transformation of both gender relations and society.

Given the transformative potential of women's economic empowerment – could it be one lever to fostering prosperity, stability and peace? And, following up from the German G7 Initiative on women's economic empowerment, how can German development cooperation, businesses and civil society best support women's employment and their economic participation in regions in crisis?

Join us for the GIZ Gender Week 2016 and discuss some of these questions with us!

More jobs for women - a chance for peace

Economic empowerment of women in regions in crisis

17:30 – 19:30, 10th March 2016

Interactive panel discussion followed by reception

GIZ, Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 36, Bonn

An event organized by GIZ in cooperation with Gender@International Bonn. The event will be held in English.

Please confirm your attendance by 2nd March 2016 with Karin Steiner, gender@giz.de, +49 6196 79-1661.



Preliminary Programme

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17:00	Registration
17:30	Inauguration and words of welcome Dr. Christoph Beier (GIZ, Member of the Board of Directors)
17:45	Words of welcome Martina Metz (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Department 303)
17:50	Introductory key note „How does women’s economic empowerment contribute to prosperity, stability and peace?” Jana Naujoks (Senior Programme Officer Gender and Peacebuilding, International Alert)
18:00	Science Slam “How can development cooperation and its partners best support women’s employment and their economic participation in regions in crisis?” GIZ, Promotion of Rule of Law, Afghanistan (Bernd Messerschmidt and Sirin Öztürk) Spark International (Yannick Dupont) KfW, Peace Fund, Democratic Republic of Congo (Karla Henning) DHL (TBC)
18:20	Interactive panel discussion with the audience Stefani Klos , Competence Centre Development, Governance & Crisis, KfW Bernd Messerschmidt and Sirin Öztürk , Head of Programme and Gender Focal Point, GIZ Afghanistan Bolaji Abigail Aina , former Head of Programme “Strengthening human rights in Uganda”, GIZ Yannick Dupont , Director, Spark International DHL (TBC)
19:20	Concluding remarks Dr. Christoph Beier (GIZ, Member of the Board of Directors)
19:30	Reception

The evening will be hosted by **Monika Hoegen**, moderator and journalist, Communication for Development.