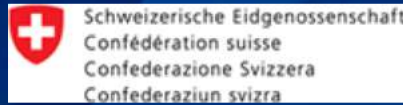




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On the occasion of the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
The Government of Switzerland, SIDA, UNCDF, UNDP and UN Women cordially invite you to the side event:

“Mobilizing Public and Private Investments in the LDCs For Women’s Economic Empowerment”

When: 13 March 2018, 1.15-2.30 pm

Where: CR-8 GA Building

Chair: Ms. Randi Davis, Director, UNDP Gender Team

Opening remarks: Mr. Markus René Seiler, Secretary General, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

Panelists: Ms. Eva Johansson, Lead Policy Advisor on Gender Equality, SIDA

Mr. Tareq Md. Ariful Islam, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh to the UN

Ms. Joan M. Larrea, Chief Executive Officer, Convergence

Ms. Eleni Kyrou, Lead Social Development & Gender Specialist, European Investment Bank

Closing remarks: Xavier Michon, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNCDF

A.H. Monjurul Kabir, Senior Programme Advisor and Chief, Asia-Pacific and LDCs, UN Women

About the event:

The event will bring together member states, development practitioners, philanthropies and social impact investors to explore innovative strategies for mobilizing financial resources for gender-responsive investments. The discussion will address how these public and private investments can enable the local economic environment to encourage and expand women’s entrepreneurship and empowerment as well as the holistic approach taken by IELD to ensure the success of the programme.

The event is open to all Member States, representatives of UN entities and civil society organizations. Please R.S.V.P. by COB Wednesday, 7 March, to Lucia.fiala@undp.org
Please indicate in your R.S.V.P. should you require a UN Grounds Pass.