





Conference on Gender Responsive Budgeting 22-23 May 2018, Holiday Inn - Skopje

AGENDA

DAY 1 - 22 May 2018

10.00 Welcome and registration

10:30-11:15 **Opening remarks**

> H.E. Mila Carovska, Minister of Labor and Social Policy H.E. Sybille Suter Tejada, Ambassador of Switzerland H.E. Nicola Bertolini, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation

Michele Ribotta, Deputy Regional Director a.i. for Europe and Central Asia,

UN Women

Moderator: Ermira Lubani, UN Women Regional GRB Manager

Coffee break 11.15-11.45

11.45 - 13.15 Panel I: Fiscal policies as avenues towards gender equality

Mainstreaming gender in the Public Finance Management reform

Official address: H.E. Dragan Tevdovski, Minister of Finance

Gender Responsive Budgeting in Albania: the lead role of the Ministry of **Finance**

Blerina Xhani, GRB Expert, Ministry of Finance (Albania)

GRB in the fiscal policies and program budgeting of Republic of Serbia Smiljka Jovanovic, Provincial Secretary of Finance, Provincial Secretariat of

Finance (Serbia)

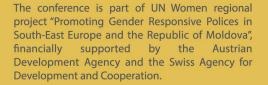
Experiences in the implementation of GRB in budgeting processes in Republika Srpska

Jelena Popovic, Assistant Minister for macroeconomic analysis and policies, Ministry of Finance of Republica Srpska (BiH)

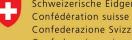
Global and regional trends and developments on gender equality: shaping

Fiscal Space to promote gender equality

Katherine Gifford, Policy Specialist, UN Women HQ









Discussion

GRB work in the region - screening of short video

Group photo

13.15 - 14.45 Lunch

14.45 - 16.15 Panel II: Mainstreaming gender in sectoral policies and the impact on women's lives

> Mainstreaming gender in sectoral policies: Gender budget statements of line ministries

> Jovana Trenchevska, State Secretary, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Gender analysis of sectoral policies in BiH

Kika Svetlin Babic, Senior Adviser, BiH Agency for Gender Equality (BiH)

Gender responsive policy making: where do we stand?

Biljana Pejovic, Director, Department for Gender Equality, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights (Montenegro)

Application of costing tool in sectoral policy on Domestic Violence and Violence against Women: the case of Moldova

Veaceslav Albina, Department for Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection (Republic of Moldova)

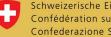
Financing for gender equality: the impact on women's lives

Etleva Sheshi, Head of Policies and Strategies for Social and Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Health and Social protection (Albania)

Moderator: Ivona Paunovic Bishevac, UN Women Project Officer

16.15 - 16.45Closing of the day and coffee





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DAY 2 - 23 May 2018

9.00 – 11.00 Panel I: Bridging policies and budgets with lives of women and men at local level

GRB as a tool to improve the lives of Rural Women

Mirjana Lukac, Director, Gender Center Republika Srpska (BiH)

Towards more inclusive and efficient local governance: the case of Bogovinje

Sahide Bajrami, Municipality of Bogovinje (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Online platform on Gender Equality at local level - ZELS

Irena Nikolov, Association of the Units of Local-Self Government (ZELS)

Video: Application of GRB in local sectoral policies: good practices from fYR Macedonia

The voice of women of Tirana in local participatory processes

Anisa Ruseti, Director of Social Protection and Inclusion, Tirana Municipality

Albana Konçi, GADC-Gender Alliance Development Center (Albania)

Gender Budget Watchdog Reports as means for improving transparency and accountability

Ana Blazheska, Programme Manager, Center for Research and Policy Making (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Reaching out and empowering women to participate in local decision making: the initiative of Akcija Zdruzenska and Strategic Development Consulting

Marija Savovska, Akcija Zdruzenska, Skopje (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Q&A

Moderator: Kristina Hadzi-Vasileva

11.00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 Working groups: Identifying best practices to carry back home, opportunities and next steps

Plenary presentation of plans and recommendations

Closing of the conference

13.00 Lunch

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