



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*

**11.15-11.45 Coffee break**

**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 Republika 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 – 16.45**

**Closing of the day and coffee**

## 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**