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Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective

FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2024

10:00 Sarajevo time
12:00 Istanbul time

Zoom meeting
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Language: English is the working language of the event. Simultaneous translation will be provided in Albanian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Montenegrin, Macedonian, and Turkish

Participating countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo¹, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye

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DRAFT AGENDA

Opening remarks by:

- **Sevlid Hurtić**, Minister of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Ingrid Macdonald**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Gülden Türköz-Cosslett**, UN Women Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia

Moderator: **Jo-Anne Bishop**, UN Women Representative to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Setting the scenario: A snapshot of gender and poverty in the region by **Prof. Marija Babović**

PANEL 1. Women's Poverty: Care-sensitive Social Protection and Participation in the Labour Force

Keynote by **Adnan Delić**, Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Moderated panel by Vesna Ivanovikj-Castarede, Head of the UN Women Office in North Macedonia

With the participation of:

- **Denada Seferi**, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection, Albania
- **Jovanka Trenchevska**, Additional Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Policy, North Macedonia
- **Ljiljana Lovrić**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Gülser Ustaoglu**, General Directorate of the Status of Women, Ministry of Family and Social Services, Türkiye

Wrap-up Panel 1

Coffee break

PANEL 2. Investing for Women and Girls: Mainstreaming Gender in Financing and Investment Schemes

Moderated discussion by Michele Ribotta, UN Women Representative in Albania

With the participation of:

- **Gentian Opre**, Director of Budget Analysis and Programming Department, Ministry of Finance, Albania
- **Bojana Bulut**, Head of the Parliamentary Budget Office, Parliament of Montenegro
- **Edi Gusia**, Chief Executive of the Agency for Gender Equality, Kosovo
- **Drena Đukić**, Senior Expert at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Dragana Kokot**, Secretary General, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Republika Srpska
- **Aleksandra Vladisavljevic**, Gender Responsive Budgeting Expert, Serbia
- **Seda Ölmez Çakar**, Head of Policy, Arya Women Investment Platform and Arya Ventures, Türkiye

Wrap-up Panel 2

Summary of the discussions by:

Samra Filipović-Hadziabdić, Director of the Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina of the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Closing remarks by UN Women

¹ All references to Kosovo should be understood to be in the context of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).