

# Regional Workshop on Gender Equality in Auditing Processes

17 DECEMBER 2021

14:00 – 16:30 CET

## NOTE ABOUT THE EVENT

On 17 December 2021, UN Women will host an online regional workshop “Auditing Gender Equality in Western Balkans”. The workshop will bring together government officials, experts, representatives from Supreme Audit Institutions to exchange views, experience and expertise on tools and techniques to audit gender equality within the context of Gender Responsive Budgeting.

The sustainability and progress of GRB initiatives demand a focus on the accountability and transparency of budget systems. In this regard, Supreme Audit Institutions are important actors in terms of their mandate for auditing government revenue and expenditure with a view examining their gender impact.

In Western Balkans, UN Women and its partners are implementing a series of activities in order to support SAIs in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Serbia and North Macedonia. In this context, development of Audit Practice Guide for Auditing Gender Equality in The Western Balkans is underway. The Practice Guide will introduce a set of audit tools, techniques, and guidance to audit gender equality and to support auditors, and will provide audit approaches and frameworks, as well as good practice examples.

### Objective

The workshop aims to engage participants in a technical discussion on the draft Audit Practice Guide for Auditing Gender Equality in The Western Balkans and receive their feedback.

### Language

The event will be in English. Simultaneous translation to local languages will be available.

**Zoom link:** [https://unwomen.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArdu-rpjtGd1jBimtRkb43Qut-\\_94nOQs](https://unwomen.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArdu-rpjtGd1jBimtRkb43Qut-_94nOQs)

## AGENDA

| Time          | Activity  |
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| 14:00 – 14:15 | <b>Welcome and introductions</b><br>Gillian Fawcett, <i>UN Women expert</i>   |
| 14:15 – 14:25 | <b>Regional Project</b><br>“Transformative Financing for Gender Equality in the Western Balkans”<br>Ermira Lubani, <i>UN Women ECA Regional GRB Programme</i>         |
| 14:25 – 14:35 | <b>IDI’s work on gender equality</b><br>Petra Schirnhöfer, <i>INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI), Senior Manager Strategic Support Unit</i>                         |
| 14:35 – 14:45 | <b>The global direction of travel on gender equality</b><br>Gillian Fawcett, <i>UN Women expert</i>   |
| 14:45 – 15:15 | <b>Introducing the audit guide, structure, format and content and methodology</b><br>Gillian Fawcett, <i>UN Women expert</i><br>David Ormandy, <i>UN Women expert</i> |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | <b>Group discussions</b>  |
| 15:45 – 16:05 | <b>Plenary discussions</b>  |
| 16:05 – 16:30 | <b>Conclusion and next steps</b>  |

\*For UN Women, references to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of UN Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). For the European Union, this designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UN Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.