

Ministers and MPs Brought to the Roundtable with Rural Women in Kosovo

In Prishtina, on behalf of Security and Gender Coordination Group, UN Women facilitated a roundtable event with the Agency for Gender Equality. This event focused on the global theme of this year's International Women's Day: Empower Rural Women - End Hunger and Poverty. Speakers included the Minister for Education, Technology and Science; Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development; Members of Parliament; along with representatives from UN Women, women's civil society organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Small and Medium Enterprise Support Agency of Kosovo. The event provided the opportunity for government officials to discuss their programs aimed at rural women, outline their plans for future projects and pledge their commitment to the cause of empowering rural women.



Amongst the 80 participants, were representatives from the European Union, embassies in Kosovo, UN agencies, women's NGOs, rural women; and from Kosovo's ministries, municipalities and armed forces.

Following the presentations, audience members had the opportunity to pose questions to the Ministers and discuss the needs of rural women in Kosovo. Representatives of women's civil society organizations spoke about the problems they have encountered at the grassroots level, relating to the implementation of government programs. Many offered suggestions and solutions for the full integration of women's needs in rural areas into the governmental programmes, especially in the economic, agricultural and educational fields.



During this event the Security and Gender Coordination Group (SGCG) booklet 'Together Towards Gender-Responsive Security' was also launched. SGCG is a multi stakeholder group that aims to enhance coordination and information sharing between international and local organizations that work on human security issues.