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**“Promoting comprehensive security, stability and sustainable development in the OSCE
area through women’s economic empowerment”**

**SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING
Sweden, 10-11 June 2021**

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 10 June 2021

9:30 - 11:00 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

Statements by Delegations

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

**11:30 - 13:00 Session I: Economic empowerment of women as an important
element in promoting comprehensive security, stability and
sustainable development in the OSCE area, and the role of relevant
stakeholders in achieving this goal**

Selected Topics:

- Women’s economic empowerment as a key factor in the full, equal, and effective participation of women in all spheres of society.
- Promoting better working conditions for women through harnessing social dialogue.
- The role of business and civil society, particularly women’s rights organizations, as important partners in promoting women’s economic empowerment, with a view to achieving gender equality in the economic sphere.

- The importance of actively engaging men and boys in eliminating discrimination against women and girls, including in education and in the economic sphere.

Discussion

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 16:00 **Session II: Promoting women’s entrepreneurship and equal participation in business and in trade**

Selected Topics:

- The importance of gender-mainstreamed trade policies and trade agreements in tackling discrimination and supporting women’s role in business, entrepreneurship and participation in trade.
- The role of disaggregated data in promoting women’s entrepreneurship.
- Promoting women in business, as entrepreneurs, and removing barriers, especially in the services sector and in global supply chains, including through skills development and education for girls.
- Promoting women as leaders in the economic and business sector.

Discussion

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee/Tea Break

16:30 -18:00 **Session III: Promoting sustainable development by empowering women and girls as contributors to the protection of the environment**

Selected topics:

- Promoting women’s role in accelerating the low carbon economy through skills, networking, and training.
- Facilitating women-led innovation in energy efficiency and other sustainable technologies.
- Advancing women’s involvement in decision making and leadership for the protection of the environment and water management.
- Strengthening the role of girls in the protection of the environment.
- Promoting gender mainstreaming to enhance the role of women throughout sustainable development.

Discussion

Friday, 11 June 2021

09:30 - 11:00 Session IV: Empowering women in trade and transport facilitation

Selected topics:

- The role of disaggregated data in promoting women's participation in trade and transport facilitation.
- Sharing best practices on collective efforts to promote women's equal economic participation in trade and transport facilitation at national, regional and international levels.
- Promoting women's leadership in trade and transport facilitation.

Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

11:30 - 13:00 Concluding Session

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