APEC Conclusive Meeting of Innovation for Women and Economic Development Project

7-8 September 2016
Regent Taipei, Chinese Taipei

Host: Department of Gender Equality, Chinese Taipei

Co Host: Workforce Development Agency, Ministry of Labor, Chinese Taipei

Organizer: Foundation for Women’s Rights Promotion and Development, Chinese Taipei
Dear ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of Chinese Taipei, it is my great pleasure to extend a warm invitation to you to attend the 2016 APEC Conference: Conclusive Meeting of Innovation for Women and Economic Development Project.

The advancement of ICT innovation has contributed significantly to the economy as well as can empower women’s livelihood development capacity and entrepreneurial skills. Through the conference, initiated by Chinese Taipei, we hope to add momentum to APEC PPWE efforts based on previous work led by APEC member economies and international NGOs. Meanwhile, we also hope to strengthen APEC’s public-private cooperation to advance women’s economic opportunities and fulfill the concept of capacity building in the APEC region. We have invited experts in the field of the ICT-related industry of the emerging markets, mobile learning, capacity building and promotion of women’s entrepreneurship to address in the conference. We would like to create a platform for the APEC member economies to exchange views and share experiences on improving women’s economic and social participation. We do believe it is the great opportunity for all the participants from 11 APEC member economies to have constructive discussing and further cooperative work on empowering women entrepreneurs by utilizing ICTs after this event.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all organizations and experts to make this conference possible. I am sure that you will have fruitful and constructive discussion in this conference.

We hope that you enjoy your stay in Taipei!

Sincerely yours,

Pi-shia Huang
Director General
Department of Gender Equality
Dear Distinguished Guests and fellow delegates,

On behalf of the co-organizer Workforce Development Agency (WDA), Ministry of Labor, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all the experts, delegates, and participants from APEC economies to Conclusive Meeting of Innovation for Women and Economic Development Project – an APEC cross-fora meeting on HRDWG CBN and PPWE.

The Workforce Development Agency (WDA) is established to develop and polices planning and implementation for national workforce to forge the pathway for workforce development through three orientations “Optimize the structure of talent,” “Strengthen the training systems to promote the vocational competency,” and “Invigorate the linkages with industries.” In addition, to fully utilize human resources, especially employment services for female, middle-aged and senior workers and people with disabilities, WDA has planned and implemented various projects like "Phoenix Micro Start-up,” "Career Relaunch for Middle-aged and Senior Workers,” and “Workforce Learning and Development,” promoting friendly workplace and cultivating entrepreneurship.

WDA, also a leading economy of APEC Human Resource Development Working Group Capacity Building Network (HRDWG CBN) is advocating the initiative of APEC Skills Development Capacity Building Alliance (ASD-CBA) project this year, establishing APEC Skills Development Capacity Building Alliance Institute (ASD-CBAI). The alliance aims to provide a platform for facilitating quality growth through upskilling and mobilizing support for fostering people to people, project to project, and institute to institute collaboration. This cross-fora cooperation with PPWE reiterates our joint efforts in enhancing women economic empowerment and gender equality integration focusing on ICTs innovation as a channel to bridge the gender equality and with capacity strengthening through upskilling to enhance human capital employability.

We are delighted to provide a great opportunity for all APEC member economies to gather together in this PPWE and HRDWG CBN Joint Workshop. We wish all participants a pleasant and productive visit to Chinese Taipei during the upcoming workshop and related activities. Thank you for your participation.

Huang, Chiu-Kuei
Director General
Workforce Development Agency, Ministry of Labor
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Agenda

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● Discussion and Exchange         |
| 10:00~10:30 | Welcome Message & Remarks  
● Mr. Meng-Liang Tsai, Deputy Director General of Workforce Development Agency, Ministry of Labor/APEC HRDWG-CBN Coordinator  
● Ms. Hsiao-Yun Yang, Senior Executive Officer of Department of Gender Equality/ Chinese Taipei  
● Ms. Yu-Chen Ting, Director of Taoyuan-Hsinchu-Miaoli Regional Branch, Workforce Development Agency, Ministry of Labor/ Chinese Taipei |
| 10:30~12:00 | Facilitating Quality Growth through Upskilling: Female Empowerment  
● Briefing of THM Regional Branch of Workforce Development Agency: “One-Stop” service for employment services, vocational trainings, skills certification, and business start-up assistance.  
● Site Visit: Vocational training programs |
| 12:00~14:00 | Luncheon – APEC HRDWG CBN & PPWE |
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● Briefing: Successful Female Entrepreneur  
● Site Visit / Discussion / Group Photo |

Guest Profile

APEC Conclusive Meeting of Innovation for Women and Economic Development Project
Mei-Chu Lin
Minister without Portfolio
Concurrently Minister, Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission
Chinese Taipei

Experience
- 2004
  Counselor, Executive Yuan
- 2004-2006
  Secretary-General, Central Election Commission
- 2006-2008
  Political Deputy Minister of the Interior
- 2010-2014
  Deputy Magistrate, Chiayi County
- 2016-
  Minister without Portfolio, Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister, Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission

Education
- 1976 & 1982
  LL.B. & LL.M., College of Law, National Chengchi University

Pi-Shia Huang
Director General
Department of Gender Equality
Project Overseer
Chinese Taipei

Experience
- 2012-Present
  Director-General, Department of Gender Equality, Executive Yuan
  Deputy Executive Secretary, Gender Equality Committee, Executive Yuan
- 2009-2011
  Director-General, Department of Social Affairs, Ministry of the Interior
- 2008-2009
  Deputy Director-General, National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior
- 2002-2008
  Director, Child Welfare Bureau, Ministry of the Interior
- 1997-1998
  Deputy Director-General, Department of Social Affairs, Taiwan Provincial Government
- 1992-1996
  President, Taiwan Provincial Taichung Children’s Home

Education
- M.A., Department of Social Welfare, National Chung Cheng University
- B.A., Department of Sociology, National Chung Hsing University
Ms. Chiu-Kuei Huang, the Director General of Workforce Development Agency (WDA), Ministry of Labor, is the first female head of WDA since its founding in 1987. Director General Huang, who holds a master degree in Labor Relations, has been attentive to the improvement of rights of female workers in workplace as well as the participation and connectivity of WDA to the international community. Prior joining WDA, she was the Director in Department of Employment Relations and in Department of Labor Standards, Council of Labor Affairs, Executive Yuan.

Mr. Meng-Liang Tsai is the Deputy Director General of Workforce Development Agency, Ministry of Labor. He currently serves as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Human Resources Development Working Group (HRDWG) Capacity Building Network (CBN) Coordinator since 2014. He has successfully promoted and implemented several APEC projects and international cooperation programs, such as “APEC HRDWG Affairs Study Workshop: Future Priority Areas and New Directions,” and “APEC Skills Development Capacity Building Alliance (ASD-CBA) Project.”
Melanne Verveer
Executive Director
Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security
The United States

Ambassador Verveer most recently served as the first U.S. Ambassador for Global Women’s Issues, a position to which she was nominated by President Obama in 2009. She coordinated foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic and social advancement of women, traveling to nearly sixty countries. She worked to ensure that women’s participation and rights are fully integrated into U.S. foreign policy, and she played a leadership role in the Administration’s development of the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. President Obama also appointed her to serve as the U.S. Representative to the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

From 2000-2008, she was the Chair and Co-CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international NGO that she co-founded to invest in emerging women leaders. During the Clinton administration, she served as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady. She also led the effort to establish the President’s Interagency Council on Women, and was instrumental in the adoption of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. She is the co-author of Fast Forward: How Women Can Achieve Power and Purpose (2015).

Ambassador Verveer has a B.S. and M.S. from Georgetown University. In 2013, she was the Humanitas Visiting professor at the University of Cambridge. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the World Bank Advisory Council on Gender and Development. She holds several honorary degrees and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the U.S. Secretary of State’s Award for Distinguished Service.

Blesila Lantayona
Assistant Secretary
Department of Trade and Industry of Regional Operations Group
The Philippines

Bles Lantayona was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry Regional Operations Group on June 2013.

Prior to her appointment as DTI Assistant Secretary, she was the Regional Director of the Department of Trade & Industry, Region 3 and DTI-ROG’s Island Coordinator for Luzon. She is of Filipino-Japanese ancestry, born and raised in Davao City.

She earned her B.S Degree in Agriculture major in Economics (cum laude) from Xavier University (Ateneo de Cagayan), Cagayan de Oro City as scholar of the Filipino Banana Growers and Exporters Foundation, Inc. She was fellow of the European Union-ASEAN Scholarship Programme and holds an MBA Degree in International Business from Ecole Europeenne des Affaires (European School of Management) in Paris, France. She also pursued Master in Agribusiness at the University of Southeastern Philippines, Davao City.

Asec. Bles started her career in the civil service in NEDA Region XI. She then moved to the Department of Trade & Industry, first in various technical positions, then as Provincial Director of DTI Davao Del Sur, and eventually as Assistant Regional Director of DTI Region XI, Davao City.

She has also worked in 10 provinces in the People’s Republic of China including Beijing and Hong Kong as consultant for the 2nd biggest French electrical contracting company. Likewise, she was part-time Associate Professor of the Graduate School of Government and Management (MBA Department) at the University of Southeastern Philippines and at the Don Honorio Ventura Technical State University in Bacolor, Pampanga. Asec. Bles was a member of the Rotary District 1260 GSE Team of Young Professionals that was sent to England in 1999.
Jaclyn Tsai served as a District Court judge before joining IBM as General Counsel in Taiwan and the Greater China area. She founded Lee, Tsai & Partners in 1998 and specializes in technology law, mergers, technology licensing/assignment matters. In November 2013, she was invited to serve as the Minister without Portfolio in the Executive Yuan and become one of the few female ministers in the government. During her term as Minister without Portfolio, she was committed to promoting the accommodation of laws relating to virtual world development, and she also put forth policies and plans in areas such as e-commerce, the startup environment, the maker movement and the new “closed company” section of the Company Act.

The Undersecretary currently leads the promotion of the country’s domestic and international trade, industry and investments in the local and international markets. As Governor at the Board of Investments (BOI), she provides strategic direction on investment promotion and assistance. She is a DTI Champion for Gender and Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Ease of Doing Business.

While serving as Undersecretary for the Management Services Group and Chief of Staff, she led in the achievement of a number of breakthrough goals which were affirmed by independent third party organizations. Most significant were the full automation of the end-to-end business registration process (www.ebnrs.gov.ph) and the Philippine Business Registry (www.business.gov.ph), as well as the provision of a stable and secure DTI technology infrastructure for connectivity and office productivity. She also led the roll-out of the Performance Governance System resulting in DTI attaining Level 4 (highest level) with the Gold Trailblazer Award and being recognized as among the 12 Islands of Good Governance conferred by the Institute for Solidarity in Asia. Moreover, she served as the Overall Chair for the APEC Women and the Economy Fora 2015 as during the Philippine APEC hosting year.

Before joining DTI in July 2013, she had 30-years stint in the private sector where she had a progressive career as finance executive, and bloomed into a business executive and industry leader. She was one of the pioneers in the Information Technology and Business Processing Management (ITBPM) industry focused in the IT sector.

She was the President and Country Manager of Headstrong Philippines Inc. and the GENPACT Site Leader for IT Services delivered offshore from the Philippines for global customers in Capital Markets/Financial Services, Healthcare and Technology. She was the Chief Financial Officer for the APAC Region of Headstrong, Inc. (the erstwhile James Martin & Co), a privately-held global IT Consultancy firm, and was the Financial Controller for the Southeast Asia operations of the US publicly-listed company, Circle Freight International which is engaged in third-party global logistics. She trained and practiced public accountancy at SGV & Co/Arthur Andersen.

The Undersecretary was the President of the Philippine Software Industry Association (PSIA) from 2011 to 2013 and served for several years as Director/Trustee of PSIA and the Information Technology and Business Processing Association of the Philippines (IBPAP).

Ms. Terrado is recognized in the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World Award (Global FWN100™) in 2014 under the Builder Category and in 2016 under the Innovator and Thought Leader Category.
Wen-Chi Yu is Goldman Sachs’ Asia Pacific Head for Corporate Engagement, leading the firm’s strategic philanthropy and social investment in the region. Immediately before Goldman Sachs, she started a business connecting investors and social entrepreneurs between Asia and the United States. Previously, she worked in the US State Department and the US Congress. She serves as an advisor to a number of nonprofit organizations, and is a fellow of Asia Society.

Joanne Lenweaver is a life-long student of the creative spirit, whether as an entrepreneur within her women-owned business or “intrapreneur” in other large corporations, Joanne believes in creative problem solving, calculated disruption, and never accepting the status-quo in any situation. Starting in 1985, Joanne with her husband, Dave, guided their design firm of remarkably talented creatives through many award-winning years. Lenweaver Advertising+Design Inc. featured in national media for its innovative use of the first version Apple Macintosh computer installations in a design firm setting led the way in a new world.

As Director of the WISE Women’s Business Center, Joanne has taken the women’s business center to new levels by: relocating to a downtown location in The Tech Garden to achieve greater branding presence; initiating the first fund raising effort for the WISE Women’s Business Center; and building an Advisory Board engaged to create a center to serve entrepreneurial women of the future. She currently lives on a scenic, organic farm in Fabius, NY with her husband, Dave.

Most recently, she has been awarded:
- 2015 “Successful Business Women” Award, BizEvents
- “Economic Champion” 2013 (WISE Women’s Business Center) – CenterState CEO
- Zonta – “Crystal Award” 2013 – Zonta International
- The US Small Business Administration “Women’s Business Center of the Year” 2010
- Red Cross “Women Who Mean Business” 2012
- Falcone Center “Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award” 2012 Syracuse University
Dr. Lorna Wright is currently the Executive Director of the Centre for Global Enterprise and EDC Professor of International Business at the Schulich School of Business, York University. She was Associate Vice President International of York from 2009 to 2012. She is an academic entrepreneur, being the founding director (1992-2000) of the Centre for Canada-Asia Business Relations at Queen's University, the co-founder (1997) of the Asian Business Consortium, which included four universities, and the inaugural director of the Centre for Global Enterprise at York University (2013). She spent fifteen years as an independent contractor working for various organizations in Thailand, Indonesia and Japan, and has done projects throughout Asia, Latin America and Europe as well. She speaks Thai and Indonesian fluently and has a working knowledge of Japanese and Spanish.

Dr. Wright has a PhD from the University of Western Ontario (now Western University); an MIM from Thunderbird, Arizona; an MA in Applied Linguistics from the University of Essex, UK, a PGCE in Education in Developing Countries from the University of London, UK; and a BA from Wilfrid Laurier University. Her research interests are in the areas of cross-cultural management, international negotiations, women-owned businesses and conditions for SME business success internationally. Her geographic area of interest is the Pacific Basin region.

Patrice Braun is Principal Consultant at Patrice Braun & Associates and Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Women & Technology (APCWT), one of ten globally networked centres to mainstream women in the knowledge economy. She also holds an Adjunct Professorship in Research & Innovation with Federation University Australia. Prior to her Professorial appointment, Patrice was the Director of FedUni’s Centre for Regional Innovation and Competitiveness (CRIC) leading research teams and projects ranging from sustainability and e-health to behavioural economics, strengthening regional well-being and social connectedness.

Patrice is an Action Researcher with a PhD in regional network development underpinned by ICT and a Masters by Research on the use of the Internet for community informatics. Patrice is known for her work with rather than on people to achieve engagement, collective learning and action-oriented outcomes. Her global consultancy work in ICT-enabled development and evaluation focuses on gender economics and the weaving of technology with sustainable economic, social, educational, environmental, and governance practices. Prof Braun has published in a variety of areas, including women’s empowerment, female and green entrepreneurship, and knowledge economy skillling (for publications see www.academia.edu).

Patrice consults with government and industry, both in Australia and abroad. She is a frequent contributor to APEC gender policy and forums. Recently she facilitated an Australian government sponsored APEC project to help developing economies adopt gender-response trade practices to assist the internationalisation of women-led enterprises. From 2005-2009 Prof Braun was the Australian focal point for a 5-year APEC research and capacity development program to enhance women’s participation in the digital economy.

Patrice maintains a global network of affiliations. She is on the Executive Committee of the International Taskforce for Women and Technology (ITF); a consulting expert with the UK-based Centre for Women’s Enterprise & Employment; on the Advisory Boards of Foundation Women @ Work (Netherlands), Yoga Gives Back (USA), Global Listening Centre (India), and the National Education & Employment Foundation (Australia). Patrice is the Research Chair for the Australian Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AWCCI).
Lynn Gray, BA in Business Administration, is the Executive Director & Partner of Southern Nature, a company that specializes in training for companies with outdoor operations, the development of “out of classroom” educational programs for schools and the provision of nature-based sustainable tourism programs.

She has ample experience in business, having led commercial, strategic planning and business development areas in retail companies with international operations. Her experience has focused on designing management control systems, implementing CRM initiatives, developing processes for technological innovation, planning for international growth and leading organizational change. She also held positions in the banking sector and worked as an independent consultant. Since 2009 she has served on the executive board of the Valparaíso Regional Chamber of Commerce and chairs the Women in Business Committee. Both positions have allowed her to work very closely with the public sector to push forward different ways of strengthening women entrepreneurs’ confidence through training and capacity building to fully embrace the benefits of technology to help them develop and grow their business.

Fully understanding the need of a strong public–private alliance to make a significant impact in the way women entrepreneurs should be trained and mentored to help them overcome the hurdles they face, she is committed to strengthening these ties, making full use of all ICT opportunities available.

Hope Ong joined Standard Chartered Bank Taiwan Limited (SCBTL) in 2012 as the Head of Corporate Affairs of SCBTL. She is in charge of corporate affairs execution in Taiwan. In collaboration with Country CEO, the function aims to foster a better business environment and improving industry competitiveness via governmental communication. She is the spokesperson of SCBTL and defines corporate social responsibility related strategy and programs together with NGOs.

Hope Ong accumulates around 30 years’ working experiences with diversified roles. She has 11-year working experiences as Senior Corporate Affairs Director in Microsoft Taiwan since 2001. Her prime responsibilities include public relations management, crisis management of Corporate Affairs, citizenship functions, and communications to improve top priority image attributes. Hope resolved the policy and legislative issues with Microsoft’s business due to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) backlash and competitors’ action. She led a cross function cabinet to improve Microsoft Taiwan’s image significantly within 4 years. This is the highest improvement among Microsoft globally. During this period, she also initiated and promoted WomenUp program, and advocated the government for Phoenix Micro Funds for Entrepreneurial Women. Before joining Microsoft, Hope has 18-year working experiences in IBM Taiwan. She held different positions with diversified functions as a programmer & project leader, consultant, and a manager in Marketing and Public Affairs.

Hope serves as council member of gender equality council in Executive Yuan, Ministry of Culture and Aviation Safety Council. She used to be the member of Gender Equality Committee Youth council, Council for Economic Planning and Development, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Mainland Affairs Council. She was a member of the Board of Directors, and director of the Board of Chinese Information Software Association as well as a member of the Board of Directors of Computer Science Association of Republic of China for more than 10 years and board of director of YWCA Taipei for 6 years.

Hope obtained a master degree in Information and Computer Science from George Institute of Technology USA, master degree in Law from Soochow University Taiwan and a undergraduate degree in science from National Taiwan University Department of Botany.
Deborah Yen is Director of Corporate Affairs Group of North Asia and Australia/New Zealand for Intel Asia Pacific Region. Prior to her current assignment, she held different roles at both country and regional level including Director of Corporate Affairs Group for Intel Taiwan, Director of Public Relations Group for Intel Asia Pacific Region and Director of Brand and Corporate Marketing Group for Intel Taiwan.

Yen joined Intel in 1996 as a Public Relations Manager for Intel Taiwan responsible for Intel’s media relationship and external communications. In 2000, she moved into her corporate marketing role focusing on planning and building Intel’s brand and marketing campaigns in Taiwan with charters including public relations, branding, advertising, channel and internet marketing, Intel Inside® Program and market development. In 2004, she moved to Hong Kong to manage the regional Public Relationship Group where she focused on alignment and synergy between PR function and the country teams. When she moved back to Taiwan in 2006, she formed the Corporate Affairs Group to manage Intel’s government affairs, education initiatives, employee volunteering and the overall reputation and corporate responsibility programs. Prior to joining Intel, Yen worked for NCR as Corporate Communication Manager.

Yen received her bachelor’s degree in Mass Communication from San Jose State University of California. In her leisure time, she enjoys travel, reading and volunteering.

Nina Kao
Executive
Marketing, Communications and Citizenship, IBM Taiwan
Chinese Taipei

Nina is the Executive of Marketing, Communications & Citizenship for IBM Taiwan, leading the marketing strategy of IBM’s product and services portfolio, market intelligence, communications, and IBM branding in Taiwan market. In addition, she is responsible for a broad portfolio of philanthropic initiatives that provide grants of IBM technology and talent to communities.

Prior to the current position, Nina spent a decade in various roles at IBM, including Information Security Marketing Leader for Greater China Group, Global x server Product Marketing Manager, Software sales for financial sector for Taiwan.

She is an active community volunteer at a local level, as well as in international leadership roles.
Being a Principle PM Manager, Anne Yang leads Partner Enablement Team of Windows and Devices Group in Microsoft Taiwan to work with ecosystem partners to ship devices and services that light up features in Microsoft Windows operating system and Azure cloud platform. As Taiwan is known for hardware development, Anne’s team collaborate closely with internal stakeholders and Taiwan ecosystem partners to pioneer a number of innovative devices across various form factors, ranging from Internet of Things, phones, tablets, PCs and large displays. Some of them won industry-wide recognition, such as CES Innovation Award.

Anne holds MS and BS degrees from National Tsing-Hua University. As a veteran in ICT industry, she had worked for globally well-known companies such as Acer and Texas Instruments, as well as start-ups such as Neodio. Anne’s career with Microsoft starts back in summer 2002, as a PM of Windows Hardware Engineering Group, and is still an ongoing chapter.

Wei Shuan Chang, the founder and CEO of Womany Media Group, regarded as a key opinion leader in women leadership & entrepreneurship, has frequently been invited by public sectors for consultation on women and start-up policy issues, and is honoured both by President Ma and President Tsai as the paragon of female entrepreneur in Taiwan.

By establishing Womany in 2011, which is now the most influential female-focused media community in Taiwan, Wei Shuan aims to empower women to be fearless and dare to achieve what they want to do. During the five years, Womany has not only transformed the gender landscape of Taiwan but also has attracted millions of readers from Malaysia, Singapore, China, USA, and etc. Recently, she led the collaborative work with the Department of Information Technology of Taipei City Government to hold the first “Code for Gender” hackathon in the Chinese-Speaking world.

She loves to break the rules and create her-story.
Ching-Cheng Chang, is the Senior Research Fellow of the Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica and the Professor of the Department of Agricultural Economics, National Taiwan University in Chinese Taipei. She has professional experiences in assessing the economic impact of public policies on natural resource allocation and productivity in agricultural sector; methodological issues across micro- and macro level decision making, and cost benefit analysis in public project appraisals.

She has more than twenty years of experiences in conducting field surveys for rural development in Chinese Taipei and has frequently been invited by public sectors for consultation on women and agricultural policy issues. In the year 2012, Dr. Chang hosted the international forum on Empowering Women in Post-Disaster Recovery and Resilience Enhancement. She led the collaborative work with experts from Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines and USA in the forum to identify the importance of ICTs and other innovative measures for rebuilding women’s livelihood in the post-disaster stage.

Recently, she is advocating the importance of public-private partnerships in strengthening the existing ICT-related training programs for women entrepreneurs and fostering digital opportunities throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Ms. Hsiao-Mei Lin is the founder of HEX Inc., the first company in the world which launches innovative evacuation system with application of Dynamic Exit Sign. She is an outstanding woman entrepreneur and tech talent. She has frequently invited by public sectors and policy makers for consulting technical, fire safety and entrepreneurship related issues. An award-winning entrepreneur and developer, Ms. Hsiao-Mei Lin recently organized a series camp of “Girls make Games” and also the Anita Borg Scholars Alumni in Greater China and Chinese Taipei. She is the Columnist of Cheers Magazine, member of Global Google Women Techmakers, mentor of World Champion in Microsoft Imagine Cup Final 2015 of Microsoft Taiwan, and a business partner of Microsoft Azure IoT Solutions Open Lab.

http://www.hexsave.com/
Olga Pizarro Stiepovic
Professor
Business Economics of Del Desarrollo University
Chile

Professor Pizarro Stiepovich, obtained her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA), Master’s in Methodology of Behavioral Science. She has a deep insight about Chilean women entrepreneurs that arises from her role as a mentor in concrete women led entrepreneurial project & applied research and from her 12 years in experience in the academia, publishing several papers for international journals. For example, she currently leads the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, Women’s Chapter in Chile, and has authored and participated in several publications in the area.

She started in the year 2000, leading her first case study in women and entrepreneurship in the Bio-Bio Region, in the South of Chile.

Parallel to this research, she has been a keynote speaker in several courses and international conferences in the field of business management, business plan, leadership and women’s empowerment. Her audiences have been heterogeneous, both international and Chilean and from high management business executives to low-income and vulnerable women entrepreneurs.

The relevance of her academic qualifications, expertise, professional experience, field work and leadership in several case studies makes her suitable for undertaking this project in Chile.

Rosario M. Gruet
Vice president
Computer Professionals, Inc.
The Philippines

Ito Gruet is co-founder and currently Vice President of Computer Professionals, Inc. (CPI) one of the largest fully Filipino-owned software companies and which developed the Philippines leading General Insurance ERP. CPI has an all-female executive team and named as one of the 50 Leading Companies for Women in APEC in 2014-2015. She has recently co-founded Bahay Kubo, a social enterprise to assist MSMEs in marketing and eCommerce. Ito is also the co-founder of SPRING.ph, a group under the Philippine Software Industry Association formed in 2011 to help grow the technology start-up ecosystem and nurture and mentor promising start-ups to build successful and sustainable businesses.

Ito has 30 years experience in the IT industry covering business and market development, project, change and technology management. She has honed her skills in leadership, organization, business development and project management with success in both Philippine and multinational/cross-cultural environments.

Throughout her career she has been actively involved in projects with government, private sector and NGOs in areas of industry development, education and national and social development. These include the National Movement for Free Elections, The Java Education and Development Initiative, Business & Professional Women’s Group (BPW). More recently she is a resource to the Department of Trade & Industry, Department of Science & Technology and the Department of ICT to aid in the development of ICT-enabled MSMEs and technology start-ups.
Mr Pham Ngoc Tien is the Director General of the Gender Equality Department of the Ministry of Labour – Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam. His Department is responsible for the state management of gender equality in the country. Its particular mandates include: developing strategies, programs, plans and national targets of gender equality; participating in making laws and policies on gender equality; developing mechanisms to address gender-based discrimination and create equal opportunities for women and men in socio-economic development; initiating measures to promote gender equality in different areas; reviewing gender mainstreaming into legislation; guiding and monitoring the implementation of gender equality; and raising public awareness on gender equality.

Mr Pham Ngoc Tien was appointed the Director General of Gender Equality Department in 2008. He is also the Director of the Office of the National Committee for the Advancement of Women in Vietnam. He used to be the Deputy Director General of the Social Protection Department of the Ministry.

Mr Pham Ngoc Tien holds a Bachelor degree from the Czech Republic.
Ansonia Lillo Tor is a Civil Engineer by University of Chile and has a Doctorate in Administration and Business Management by Polytechnic University of Barcelona in Spain. She has a Diploma in Gender and Entrepreneurship by International Training Center Golda Meir in Haifa, Israel; Diploma in Training Process by Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Entwicklung DSE in Mannheim, Germany; and a Diploma in Total Quality Management Government of Japan - JICA Japan International Agency in Tokyo, Japan.

She has more than thirty years of experiences in leading projects in mining companies and in academic area. She is Professor in Administration subjects and also she had managed projects in productivity issues in SME, with special focus in women. She has worked in training programs for women entrepreneurs.

Actually she is the President of Santo Tomas University in Campus Arica in Chile, which is a system of higher education with nationwide presence and over 40 years of service in the field of academia. Campus Arica has 3000 students in different areas: Nursery, Therapy, Administration, Informatics Engineering, Human Resources Engineering, and others. She has frequently been invited by public sectors for consultation on women policy issues.

In the year 2016 and year 2009, Dr. Lillo Tor hosted the international forum in Women APEC. She participated in a collaborative project.
Aida Cerda holds a Bachelor of Sciences in Marketing and a Master of Mass Communication from the Tecnologico de Monterrey, where she also worked as a researcher for three years. From 2002 until 2006 she was the Deputy Director for Gender Equality at the Gender Office of the Ministry of Economy.

In 2007 she started working for the National Women’s Institute, where she coordinated strategies to implement gender mainstreaming approach in labor, economic and health public policies, and executed projects with federal government agencies, local governments, the private sector and the civil society, as the Deputy Director for Economic and Social Development.

Since 2014 she is the Director of the Gender Equity Model. She is responsible for a loan program for women entrepreneurs called Mujeres PYME, and the Mexican Standards for Labor Equality and Non Discrimination, a non-compulsory certification that aims to promote access and permanence of women and minorities in the labor market with equality of opportunities.

She’s the author of several publications and articles for journals, and has been a speaker in national and international seminars. She also has taught several courses for the Tecnologico de Monterrey and Universidad La Salle.

Gabriela Jauregui
Director
Gender Equality Unit of Ministry of Economy
Mexico

MBA with specialization in Human Resources. I am currently Director of the Gender Equality Unit in the Ministry of Economy (03/2014 – to date). Among my responsibilities are:

- Coordinate the implementation of gender mainstreaming approach in the organizational culture of the Ministry of Economy and Coordinated Sector.
- Ensure the implementation of gender mainstreaming approach in the design, planning and execution of programs in the Ministry of Economy and Coordinated Sector.
- Chair the Committee for Prevention and Workplace Violence.
- Address requests from the Federal Public Administration Programs focused on vulnerable groups.

Previously I worked in the Office of the President as Head of the Talent Unit (2010 – 2012). I was responsible for the selection of public officials for presidential appointments. I have a 20-year career as an Executive Recruiter for private sector high level positions.
Margarita Díaz Picasso, Lawyer. Nowadays is the Director General of the Gender Equality and non Discrimination for second time in the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Population-MIMP. She is graduated from the Master of Social Policy majoring in Gender, Population and Development, Unit Post Degree in Social Sciences of the National University of San Marcos in Lima - Peru; degree in Analysis, Management and Resolution of Conflicts Socio-environmental, with specialized studies in intercultural education, cooperation, development. And, she is former fellow in the Program visitors Researchers at the Center for Social Policy for Latin America at the University of Texas at Austin USES. In its ten years of professional experience, she has served as a consultant and advisor on related projects and various national and international institutions, including the IDB, UNDP, UNICEF, Ministry of Health, the National Multisectoral Coordinator in Health, the Ombudsman, the Unit Support Services Canadian Cooperation (USACC), International IDEA, and the Foundation for Help against Drug Addiction Spain, among other public and private entities; She is author of several publications and academic papers on the topics of their speciality.

Victoria Ponce del Castillo is Sociologist. She works in the Financial Autonomy Promotion and Development of Women Direction organo line of the General Direction of Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination. Department of the Viceministry of Women Department of the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Population, MIMP. She is a public servant since 2001 and social specialist in gender and public policies. Nowadays, she has at charge tasks of APEC Women on Economy Forum. During the last time she was part of the team responsible of the National Survey of Time Use (2007-2009) made in a strategy alliance with the National Institute of Statistics and the technical and financial support of UNFPA and ONU-WOMAN. Also, she has been responsible of the design of the National Observatory Plan of Gender Equality between women and men, PLANIG 2012-2016. Besides, she was in charge of the design and implementation of the Regional Observatories of Woman in Apurimac, Ayacucho and Puno (2004-2006), project coordinated between MIMDES-UNFPA.

She has shown professional skills in the development of Reviews and Technical Reports about gender from the perspective of national public policy. Furthermore, she has worked in coordination with Multisectoral and Intersectoral Commissions of the public sector, local and regional government officials, civil society, popular organizations and international cooperation (AECID, ONU-WOMAN, UNFPA). Furthermore, she has been a speaker in gender policies issues conferences as an institutional representative of the Ministry of Women.
Pamela C. Susara is a senior technical officer of the GREAT Women Project, a women economic empowerment (WEE) project of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW). As Planning Officer, she leads in the development of design and the supervise the implementation of activities that supports the levelling up of women’s businesses and the capacity development of partners and enablers. She establishes partnerships, negotiates and coordinates with the different national agencies and private sector entities involved on WEE towards realization of the project goal and objectives.

Prior to joining the PCW, Ms. Susara has 15-year experience in project management, working along the areas of early childhood and development, conditional cash transfer and livelihood in both government and non-government setting. In 2014, she has been involved in the rehabilitation of livelihood activities in the Super Typhoon Haiyan affected areas, particularly in Leyte province. She led in the development and implementation of the livelihood rehabilitation plan in 2 municipalities in Leyte whereby, assisting more than 5,000 beneficiaries who are mostly women to get back on their feet by providing them cash assistance and skills training on their chosen secondary livelihood.

In 2015, she participated in the discussion on the development of an ICT platform with the private sectors that will facilitate the access of women entrepreneurs to the e-commerce. She inputted into the design of a cloud facility that will enable the online interaction and transaction of the key stakeholders of the WEE project. Also in 2015 during the APEC Women in the Economy Forum held in Manila, she joined the delegation of other member economies in the Seminar on Empowering Women through ICT for Inclusive Growth which discussed strategies on how ICT can benefit women entrepreneurs and their businesses. The seminar also surfaced barriers that hinder other countries in fully maximizing the technology and the recommendations that can help improve the access to ICT facilities.

Marcelina S. Alcantara is the Assistant Regional Director of the Department of Trade and Industry Region IV-A. She has long been a Chief Executive, being the Provincial Director since 1994 up to 2015 of both the Aurora and Quezon Provinces.

She is a dedicated and committed female executive of DTI IV-A, consistently performing her duties with competence and often does more than expected. In 2008, she became a nominee of the Best Manager Award of the Department of Trade and Industry. She also received the Ladies First Award given by the Provincial Government of Quezon for outstanding women in their own fields. That same year, she received an award as the Outstanding Club Secretary given by the Rotary Club District of Cosmopolitan Lucena.

Currently, she orchestrates different projects and programs for the two major divisions of SME Development and Industry Development. Also, she is the National Coordinator for 2 big ticket projects of GREAT Women and Coco Coir Industry Cluster, giving directions and managing several enrolled regions in the project implementations.
I am Chief of Information Technology Group, Department of Women's Affairs and Family Development, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand.

I am responsible for making and developing ICT and Communication System of the Department, including counselling and providing computer training programs and networking.

One of our visions is to support and promote women in economic. We promote capacity of women for careers opportunities for the better life and economy. We've settle up Women and Family Learning center as the unit to provide training and capacity building for women. One of the programs is ICT training for SMEs for online sales.

Tassanee Sushevagul
Chief
Information Technology Group, Women’s Affairs and Family Development, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
Thailand

I am the social worker of Department of Women's Affairs and Family Development, Division of Gender Equality, Promotion and Development Group. I have professional experiences in research and information on gender issues.

I have almost 10 years in gender equality field of work, for example, initiate e-learning and conduct video content to promote gender equality, gather data for gender statistics database, advocate Muslim women on computer literacy internet and social network, conduct research on women and ICT for local people, cooperate with line ministries for website yingthai.net and initiate website www.gender.to.th.

Now I'm one of officer who is responsible for PPWE Thailand. I am advocating the importance of public private partnership in all line ministries in order to promote women entrepreneurs.

Somsri Chongpensuklert
Social Worker
Women’s Affairs and Family Development, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
Thailand
Ms. Trinh Thi Hoang Anh is the Official of the Gender Equality Department of the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Viet Nam. She is in charge of International Cooperation of the Department. She has been working with the APEC Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy (PPWE) as the Vietnamese focal person for four years now. She is now a key official in preparation for hosting the Forum on Women and the Economy in Viet Nam in 2017. She also has experiences in working with ASEAN; participating in the process of the establishment of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children; participating in preparation of national reports on the implementation of CEDAW; facilitating the implementation of the CEDAW’s Committee’s Concluding Comments as well as the Resolutions of the United Nations on women; and working as a coordinator for the project on communication under the National Program on Gender Equality 2011-2015 and the project with Spain on the integration of gender equality in legislation and policies toward decent work in Viet Nam.

Up to date, she has been working for the Ministry for 8 years. Before that, she worked for the Viet Nam Women’s Union for 4 years.

Ms. Trinh Thi Hoang Anh has obtained Master’s Degree in Social Work in the University of Queensland in Australia and Bachelor’s Degree in International Relations – International Laws in the Ha Noi Institute for International Relations.
About Taipei
Taipei is a global city with a wealth of historical sites and plenty of leisure, shopping and nightlife offerings. The cultural kaleidoscope of Taiwan’s capital city pulses wherever you go. Incense-veiled temples dating back to dynastic times blend seamlessly with a neon street life of a decidedly more modern era. Taipei has dozens of world-class restaurants where gourmets can sample the best regional Chinese cuisines; and for the gourmand, there are plenty of night markets serving up scrumptious evening snacks in an environment of chaotic excitement and fun.

The polarities of Taipei are vividly present with the joining of the urban and natural worlds. Just a few minutes away from the heart of the city you can soak away the cares of the world in mineral-rich hot springs nestled in the lush mountain foothills ringing the Taipei Basin. And throughout the city there are plenty of trails, parks, and other oases of tranquility to lift and invigorate your spirits.

Whether you are just stopping over en route to another Asian destination, or planning a longer stay, Taipei is a multi-faceted treasure that will call you back again and again. Discover the heart of Asia in beautiful Taipei!

Electricity & Telecommunications
1. Electricity:
   • Taiwan uses an electric current of 110 volts at 60 cycles. Many buildings also have 220-volt sockets.
   • Visitors with appliances of different voltages are urged to bring adapters with them.

2. Currency and Banking
The currency of Taiwan is the new Taiwan dollar (NT$):
   • Paper Currency: NT$2,000, NT$1,000, NT$500, NT$200, and NT$100
   • Coins: NT$50, NT$20, NT$10, NT$5, and NT$1

Changing Money:
• Foreign currencies can be exchanged at government-designated banks and hotels.
• Receipts are given when currency is exchanged, and must be presented in order to exchange unused NT dollars before departure.

Foreign Exchange Banks:
Government-authorized banks and international hotels offer currency exchanges services. Please keep your currency exchange receipts in a secure place. You will need to show these receipts in order to exchange unused ROC currency for other currency.
• Opening hours: Mondays through Fridays, 09:00 - 15:30.
• Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays.

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5. Telecommunication
Long distance calls can be made from hotel rooms or public phones. Pre-paid phone cards are available at the hotel or convenience stores, and they can be used either for domestic or international calls. Please note that all charges for personal phone calls made in the hotel rooms are borne by participants.

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- Easily accessible via the Taipei main railway station

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APEC Conclusive Meeting of Innovation for Women and Economic Development Project
Since 2011, The Executive Yuan approved the Guideline for Gender Equality Policy. And the Legislative Yuan passed the Enforcement Act of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Hence the Department of Gender Equality was established on January 1, 2012. The creation of the department was in response to increased international attention on gender equality issues and to strengthen policies directed at the promotion of gender equality in the workplace. Also the Department of Gender Equality integrates gender equality policies across various government bodies and directing central and local governments as they put gender mainstreaming into practice. Such work allows the whole government to implement gender equality and adopt various gender perspectives.

Workforce Development Agency fosters the development, utilization and promotion of workforce by actively planning and implementing policies based on three orientations “Optimize the structure of talent,” “Strengthen the training systems to promote the vocational competency,” and “Invigorate the linkages with industries.” By combining the training centers and employment service centers into five regional branches in 2014, WDA unifies resources to cultivate industry talents through developing various vocational training plans, and to provide customized employment service assisting nationals in seeking employment and for employers in recruiting skilled workers.

In order to enhance competitiveness in workforce, WDA formulates systems for national competency standardization, constructs the national qualification framework, and develops corresponding occupational certificates to promote the recognition of expertise and proficiency. In addition, to optimize the use of human resources, WDA also draws plans to promote friendly workplace and employment services for female, middle-aged and senior works, and people with disabilities. Project like “Phoenix Micro Star-up” not only promotes employment services for female workers but also provides funds and subsidies for entrepreneurs.

Facing the constant evolution of economic trends, WDA will continue to innovating training programs, strengthening partnership with both the public and private sectors to meet the needs of industries, and developing necessary measures and policy to enhance workforce employability.
Established in 1990, the National Council of Taiwan, ROC is a federation of 10 international women’s organizations in Taiwan. Members include the Girl Scouts of Taiwan, Taiwanese Women’s Entrepreneurs Association, International Federation of Business Professional Women’s Club of Taipei, Global Federation of Chinese Business Women, Welcome to Taipei International Club, Young Women’s Christian Association of Taiwan, Pan-Pacific and South East Asian Women’s Association, Soroptimist International of Taiwan Region, and Zonta International District 31, Nurses Association. Since its establishment, the NCW has worked to advance the status and condition of women in Taiwan.

In 1994, it became a member of the International Council of Women, the oldest international women’s organization in the world. Ever since its establishment, the organization has been at the forefront of bringing worldwide attention to the issue of women’s rights and leading the battle against gender-based social injustice. As an affiliate of ICW, NCW of Taiwan works to promote the ICW programs of action and its goals of human rights, equality, peace and women’s involvement in all spheres of life. Members of NCW also attend international conventions to network with their ICW sisters and discuss issues of current concern in the world. In early 2000, the NCW joined other women’s organizations to advocate the government to take note of CEDAW principles application in its laws so as to bring gender equality and mainstreaming to society. Through concerted effort, these women’s organizations successfully advocated the government to adopt CEDAW into law and engage in a comprehensive CEDAW review. Members of NCW of Taiwan are actively involved in the advocacy of gender equality and advancing the rights of women.

In 2015, ICW adopted “Transforming Society Through Women’s Empowerment” as its triennial theme, with the aim to share and promote the values of women’s empowerment with women from other parts of the world where they still suffer from social injustice. As an affiliate, NCW promotes the ICW theme and programs through its member organizations.

PPSEAWA International (Pan-Pacific & Southeast Asia Women’s Association) was established in 1928 in Honolulu, Hawaii, and PPSEAWA Taiwan has been a chartered member ever since. PPSEAWA Taiwan is also one of the few pioneers of international women’s organization devoted to families, peace and understanding in Taiwan and Asia Pacific.

Since the founding of PPSEAWA, its membership has grown to 23 national associations, and many of them having several local chapters. It is an all-volunteer organization and is financed by contributions from individuals, organizations, and PPSEAWA member associations.

PPSEAWA International has Consultative Status in Category II to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), with the privilege and responsibility of making its voice heard in international decision-making. The organization is represented at the United Nations in New York, and Geneva, and at ESCAP, UNICEF, and UNESCO.

The current President of PPSEAWA Taiwan, Ms. Regina Chen assumed office in July 2013. With her business experience and expertise, She has defined the association’s endeavors on strengthening mutual understanding & friendship among countries in Asia Pacific & Southeast Asia, conducting Research on women’s related issues & experience sharing, and promoting international women exchange & people-to-people diplomacy. It’s hoped that PPSEAWA Taiwan’s 86-year-history would be going strong, sustainable and stepping into a new era.

Womany’s mission is to empower women to pursue their dreams and create a gender-friendly ecosystem. Founded in 2011, we are committed to embracing diversity, providing ongoing inspiration, and connecting “her-stories.” Womany has encouraged and inspired millions of women and girls around the world to achieve their goals.
Visit our “WE boss” website to experience a fingertip learning!