20 years of Gender Mainstreaming: Lessons learnt for the post-2015 Agenda

A panel discussion followed by an open discussion

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Gender Mainstreaming by the Swiss Development Cooperation
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Gender Mainstreaming in Research Institutions among Europe
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Gender Mainstreaming on the level of Municipalities
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Gender Mainstreaming from the view of Civil Society
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The UN ECE meeting and the future session of the CSW in 2015 are key moments concerning women’s human rights. There are big expectations concerning the respect of these rights and their inscription in the future Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are being set for the post-2015 period. The Open Working Group on SDGs has delivered an agreed outcome document proposing a stand-alone goal on Gender Equality and a transversal application of the gender perspective (see http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/focussdgs.html).

One of the most transformative achievements of the Beijing Platform of Action 1995 was the launching of the concept of Gender Mainstreaming. The political will to analyse any task undertaken by the public services through a gender perspective opens new horizons to gender equality and stops the confining of the reflection in the sectoral themes of health, work and economy.

Through this Side Event, the organisers would like to see what Gender Mainstreaming has changed in our ways of working in public services and which lessons learnt could be useful in the future - and especially for the implementation of the new sustainable development framework post-2015 that should be adopted in September 2015.