



**Ad hoc meeting of the SPECA  
Project Working Group on Gender and Economy  
Women's Empowerment as "smart economics"**

12 November 2007, 15:00-18:00  
*Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology*

**Round Table**

**Ad hoc meeting of the SPECA project Working Group** is part of series of events organized by UNECE and the German Government on Central Asia in Berlin on 12-14 November 2007, which include High-level Conference "Central Asia and Europe: a New Economic Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> century".

Round Table will discuss how to mobilize women's economic potential, establish gender-sensitive economic policies and build partnership with private sector in the context of work plan of the SPECA project Working Group for 2008-2009.

*Welcome by:*

**Ms. Margitta Wülker-Mirbach, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology,  
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*Key note addresses:*

**Dr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, UNECE**

**Dr. Gudrun Kochendörfer-Lucius, Managing Director, InWent**

**Mr. Raj Kumar, Principal Officer, UNESCAP**

**Moderator: Dr. Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Head of Gender and Economy  
Programme, Office of the Executive Secretary, UNECE**

- **Ms. Aitkul Samakova**, Member of Parliament; Chair of National Commission of Family and Gender Policy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Co-chair of the project Working Group on Gender and Economy
- **Ms. Hijran Huseynova**, Member of the Government; Chair of State Committee for Family, Women and Children's Issues under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan; Co-chair of the project Working Group on Gender and Economy
- **Mr. Rafkat Hasanov**, Director of Investment Round Table PA, Kyrgyzstan
- Presentations by the participants of **Invent trainings for Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan**
- **Ms. Zulfiya Tukhtakhodjaeva**, President, Board of Directors of Women's Business Association, Uzbekistan
- **Ms. Gulnara Myrzabaeva**, Director Gender programme, UNDP, Kazakhstan

Conclusions from the meeting will be reported to the SPECA Governing Council on 14 November 2007, Berlin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Venue: Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology Invalidenstraße 48, 10115 Berlin.**