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Advancing Women’s Capacity to Shape the Robust Partnership Networks for Achieving the 2030 Agenda at the Crossroad of Technological Empowerment

4 February, 2025, 3:00 -5:00 PM(EST), Landmark Room, 30th Floor, West Tower, Millennium Hilton New York, One UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, United States

Organized by: Beijing International Exchange Association (BIEA), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), The Brazilian Association of Science Parks, Business Incubators and Accelerators (Anprotec), Italian Home for Children

Background on the event

On 4 February 2025, the Beijing International Exchange Association, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the Brazilian Association of Science Parks and the Business Incubators and Accelerators (ANPROTEC), and the Italian Home for Children collaborated to organize a side event of the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, titled “Advancing Women’s Capacity to Shape the Robust Partnership Networks for Achieving the 2030 Agenda at the Crossroad of Technological Empowerment”. The high-level dialogue, focusing on gender equality and technological empowerment, attracted 5 experts and leaders from UN, academia and NGO, who shared valuable insights and practical experiences for advancing the 2030 Agenda in the context of technological empowerment. The discussion resonated deeply with participants and sparked extension reflection.

Key Issues discussed

- Ms. Rashmi Bange, chief of the Development Research Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, highlighted the necessity of multi-stakeholder collaboration to address complex global challenges, with an emphasis on the role of international institutions in facilitating partnerships and the importance of gender empowerment and inclusive growth in driving collective solutions.

- Dr. Lamei Wang, In-home Therapist at the Italian Home for Children, addressed the gender digital divide and its impact on economic, social, and technological inequalities, particularly in the context of emerging technologies like AI.
- Ms. Deise Cristina Nicoletto, Founder and CEO of Impact Hub Brasilia, outlined Elas Empreendem Strategy to support female entrepreneurship in Brazil, focusing on expanding access to credit, technology, and market opportunities to promote economic inclusion and social development.
- Dr. Qin Zhang, a researcher of Harvard University, explored the role of women in leading global heritage preservation efforts in the digital age, emphasizing the integration of AI and digital technologies like 3D scanning and virtual reality to protect cultural heritage.
- Dr. Jieni Guo, Secretary General of Beijing International Exchange Association, showcased innovative approaches to building global and regional partnerships through NGO collaboration, highlighting BIEA's efforts in hosting international events and seminars to promote cooperation in areas such as gender equality, science popularization, and emerging technologies.

Key recommendations for action

- **Collaborative Partnerships:** Strengthening multi-stakeholder alliances to collectively address global challenges and drive inclusive solutions.
- **Gender Empowerment:** Promoting policies and initiatives that support women's leadership and inclusive growth in economic and social development.
- **Digital Inclusion:** Bridging the gender digital divide by enhancing women's access to digital technologies and AI through education and training programs.
- **Entrepreneurial Support:** Expanding access to financial resources, technology, and market opportunities to foster female entrepreneurship and economic inclusion.
- **Global Cooperation:** Developing innovative global and regional partnerships through NGO collaboration and international events to promote cooperation in gender equality and emerging technologies.

