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## South–South sharing of policy experiences: **Mainstreaming gender in national policies**

**8 March 2022**

2-3 p.m. (CET)

Room XXVII, Palais des Nations, Genève and  zoom

It is widely recognized that meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is inextricably linked with the process of structural transformation. The UNCTAD project “South-South Integration and the SDGs: Enhancing Structural Transformation in Key Partner Countries of the Belt and Road Initiative” identifies key policy areas in which limitations exist in government capacity in many countries, to effectively design, manage, coordinate, implement, and evaluate strategic economic interventions that are the policy levers of structural transformation. Gender mainstreaming in national policies, particularly, remains a huge challenge in many developing countries. To address this gap, the project aims to share successful experiences of developing countries, with a view to assist national capacity-building.

### **Purpose and objectives**

The meeting will launch a study on ‘Mainstreaming Gender in National Policies’ focusing on pilot countries of the project, namely, Ethiopia, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. It will bring together policymakers and experts from different developing countries to discuss the study and share policy experiences in this area.

### **Agenda:**

**1 2–2.30 p.m. Launch of UNCTAD Report on ‘Mainstreaming Gender in Structural Transformation Policies’**

*Welcome Address (Moderator)*

**Richard Kozul-Wright**, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

*Keynote Address:*

**Isabelle Durant**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

*Presentation of the Study:*

**Elissa Braunstein**, Professor and Chair of Economics, Colorado State University

**2 2.30–3 p.m. Panel Discussion on Enhancing the Role of Women in Structural Transformation**

*Gender sensitization of national budgets: Case study of India gender budget 2022–2023*

**Lekha Chakraborty**, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India

*Enhancing the role of women in structural transformation: Some reflections from gender, climate and trade work streams*

**Mariama Williams**, Integrated Policy Research Institute and Institute of Law and Economics, Jamaica

*Q&A*

*Concluding remarks:*

**Richard Kozul-Wright**, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD



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