



Media advisory

Engaging Philanthropy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

WHAT: The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will organize a special event with the participation of **representatives of foundations (corporate and non-corporate), private sector companies and civil society organizations.** The event is co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), in collaboration with the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP). The discussions will explore collaborative opportunities to boost worldwide.

The event will attract more than 300 people across sectors to discuss the third millennium development goal, and breakout sessions.

At this high-level meeting, representatives of corporate and partnerships communities will make announce

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Issue Background

Around the world, significant progress has been made towards gender equality and empowerment of women. Female participation in the labour force has increased. Women now make up for nearly 40 per cent of all paid employment outside agriculture, compared to 36 per cent in 1990.

Despite this increase in economic activity,