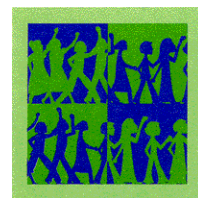




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Global markets: women's access

Gender, trade policy and export promotion

PANEL DISCUSSION

Church Centre, 777 UN Plaza, 12th Floor

Thursday, 2nd March 2006, 1330 – 1430 hrs

Trade integration has become central to poverty eradication, overseas development assistance and development strategy. Yet there has been far too little consideration of its impact on men's and women's livelihoods. This panel, building on work and interventions that the Commonwealth Secretariat has been involved with, focuses on the need to link women producers and entrepreneurs, with the global market place. Its main focus is on two questions:

Why we need to integrate gender analysis in trade negotiations and policy formulation?

How can we make this happen – strategies and good practice?

Panellists

Mariama Williams

(Economics Consultant and author, *Gender Mainstreaming in the Multilateral Trading System*)
The rationale for integrating gender analysis in trade policy

Vicki Semler

(Executive Director, International Women's Tribune Centre) *The role of information dissemination in spreading the benefits of trade to grassroots women producers: the IWTC experience*

Marilyn Carr

(Editor, *Chains of Fortune: Linking Women Producers and Workers with Global Markets*) *Linking women producers in the informal economy with global markets*

Sudha Singh

(Co-ordinator, Commonwealth Business Women's Network, London) *Bridging the digital divide—using ICTs for market access*

Sarojini Ganju Thakur

(Adviser, Gender Section, Commonwealth Secretariat) *Enhancing capacity for Gender, Trade Policy and Export Promotion: the Commonwealth Secretariat experience*