

Invitation to a CONCORD panel discussion on the EU and Member States' implementation of commitments towards gender equality



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Taking Stock: One year into the Gender Action Plan 2016-2020



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Tuesday 26 September 2017 from 14:00 to 16:00

On 25 September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDG 5 and several important targets under other goals put gender equality high on the global agenda. A few weeks later, the Council of Ministers of Development adopted the Gender Action Plan 2016-2020 (GAP), a framework for EU external action for gender equality and women's empowerment, to be implemented jointly by the European Commission, the European External Action Service and the Member States.

Almost two years have passed since these two adoptions. This year, the first annual GAP progress report has just been published, after the EU and its Member States attended the High-Level Political Forum which took stock of the implementation on Agenda 2030, and gave special attention to SDG 5.

This is thus a unique opportunity to examine the implementation of these two frameworks. How are EU institutions and Member States translating their commitments? What are the good practices and lessons learnt that can be shared and built upon? What are the key challenges which need to be addressed in the coming years?



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PANELISTS

- **Jean-Louis Ville**, Acting Director, Human development and Migration, European Commission
- **Charlotte Isaksson**, Senior Gender Expert to the EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender & UNSCR 1325
- **James McNulty**, Advisor, DFID (Seconded National Expert to EU Delegation to Zambia 2012-2017) (*via video presentation*)
- **Paula Lopes**, Counsellor, Development Cooperation, Permanent Representation of Portugal
- **Jessica Poh-Janrell**, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator at CONCORD Sweden and Co-facilitator for CONCORD Gender Reference Group

The panel discussion will be facilitated by **Céline Mias**, EU Representative and Head of EU Office at CARE International, and member of CONCORD Policy Direction Committee and Gender reference group.

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