







On the margins of CSW67, The National Commission for Lebanese Women and the Arab Women Organization in cooperation with GIZ are organizing a side event on:

"Digital Transformation & Women's Socio-Economic Empowerment in the Arab States Opportunities and Challenges"

> March 6, 2023, 3:00-4:15 PM (EST) UN building –CR-4

Innovations and technologies are on the move to transform human lives and human activities. This global revolution is transformative of contemporary lives, opening perspectives and creating challenges.

As CSW 67 / 2023 will focus on Women and technology, Lebanon is planning to hold a panel discussion on a related topic, as a side event of the next CSW 67 in NY under the title:

"Digital Transformation & Women's Socio-Economic Empowerment in the Arab States: Opportunities and Challenges"

Bringing together the voices of high level representatives of national women machineries and experts in the Arab Region, this panel will share experiences among the Arab States who are facing different socio-economic and political challenges; and at the same time adopting different approaches to achieving women's advancement and gender equality amid a rapidly changing world. Prominent international and regional organizations will share their views as well.

These exchanges will contribute to a better understanding of advantages of innovation and technology as means to empower women and girls in both public life, work place and educational spheres.

The Panel will highlight obstacles and opportunities addressing the gender gap in technological change, tackling the issue of digital divide and poverty from rural/urban dimensions. It will also highlight the potential role of the youth in the making of the digital change through a gender integrated approach. In addition, the panel will address cyber GBV and digital harassment and the measures to be adopted to create a violent free digital and enabling environment to promote an equal access of women and men, girls and boys to technology. Public policies adopted both by member states and international and regional parties will be examined as well.