



LEBANON Side Event
NCLW & the Arab Women Organization (AWO)
In collaboration with UNDP and UNESCWA
Monday, March 6, 2023; from 3:00 to 4:15 PM; Room 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 CSW67, 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:

**“Women and girls in innovation and technological change:
Opportunities and challenges from the Arab Region”.**

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, 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.

Panelists: Lebanon, 2 or 3 Arab Countries (**Morocco, Tunisia and Oman**) AWO, UNDP, ESCWA (5-7 mn each)

Discussants:

- Regional Experts interventions: (2-3 mn each)
- Q&A