



Women's Economic Empowerment Working Group

Meeting 16 June 2025, Geneva

Agenda

Logistical information

Information on the overall schedule of the DCED Annual Meetings 16 – 19 June is [available online](#).

Date and time: 16 June 2025, 13:30 – 18:00 CET (07:00 – 12:00 ET; 20:00 – 01:00 JST) with lunch for in-person participants beginning 12:30 CET; optional side meeting open to all DCED members beginning 10:30 CET (see bottom of this document).

Venue: details circulated to DCED members registered to attend.

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Time (CET) <i>Subject to change</i>	Topic	Lead
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch – buffet style, at the venue.	
13:30 – 13:40	Welcomes, meeting opening & introductions	Colleen Duggan (IDRC, Chair)
13:40 – 14:00	Overview of the 2024/25 WEE WG work plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ella Duffy to provide an overview of the work plan submitted to the DCED Annual Meeting, and high-level insights from the 2025 DCED Member Survey.- Task team leads to provide updates on specific workstreams (<i>Care, Climate and PSD; Gender Lens Investing</i>)	Colleen Duggan; Ella Duffy (DCED Secretariat); Task Team leads
14:00 – 15:15	Strategies for building resilience into WEE work in the context of a changing global aid landscape <p>This three-part session will allow WEE WG members to learn and exchange knowledge on practical solutions and strategies for continued WEE work in a changing global aid landscape. The session will be forward-looking and focus on practical strategies and tools for continuing work in</p>	Chair: Colleen Duggan Panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Deepta Chopra (IDS Sussex, in-person)2. Karnika Yadav (Intellectap)

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	<p>this area, including on engaging with the private sector to do so.</p> <p>Part 1: Scene setting and panel discussion with external experts joining the room virtually</p>	<p>3. Rachel Moussié (WIEGO)</p> <p>4. Anne-Marie Levesque (FinDev Canada)</p>
15:15– 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 15:50	<p>Strategies for building resilience into WEE work in the context of a changing global aid landscape</p> <p>Part 2: Walkthrough of possible strategies and introduction of group discussion</p>	Deepta Chopra
15:50 – 17:20	<p>Strategies for building resilience into WEE work in the context of a changing global aid landscape</p> <p>Part 3: Closed door discussion in groups between members, covering three key areas.</p>	All members, Chatham House Rule applies
17:20 – 17:50	Discussion in plenary of ideas generated by groups	Facilitated by Deepta Chopra
17:50 – 18:00	Any other business, closing remarks	Colleen Duggan

Side meeting for interested DCED members also happening on Monday 16 June, at the same venue:

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10:00 – 10:30	Optional tea and coffee on arrival	
10:30 – 13:00	<p>Cross-WG meeting for all interested DCED members: Mobilising Commercial Finance and Enterprise Support Services for SMEs</p> <p>All interested DCED members are invited for exchange and peer learning.</p> <p>A provisional agenda for this session is available.</p>	DCED Secretariat

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