

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Carol Hanlon to present at the Women Economic Forum in India, May 2017**

Carol Hanlon, CEO of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (BEC Global), TCF WA Inc. ( TCF Australia | TCF Global), BPW Business Incubator Training & Mentoring Projects has been invited to attend and present at the Women Economic Forum in New Delhi, India during May 2017

The Women Economic Forum (WEF) is a global conference to foster empowering women and connections among women committed to foster constructive change in ALL walks of life.

Ms Hanlon has been selected to address the Forum because of her extensive 23 year record of delivering small business development programs for the benefit of women across Australia and Internationally. Carol was an Australian Government delegate at the 2012 APEC Women Economy Forums, St Petersburg, Russia, APEC 2013 Bali Indonesia and APEC 2015 Manila Philippines where Carol was also recognised in the Iconograph Exhibition 'Women Icons of APEC'. Carol Hanlon was invited by the NGO Commission Status Women (CSW) Forums at United Nations, New York CSW56, CSW59, CSW60 and CSW61 to deliver NGO forums for the past 5 years on the empowerment of women in small business.

Carol was inducted in the Inaugural 2011 WA Women's Hall of Fame for her passion and commitment with micro small business owners to achieve their business dreams and in 2015 was announced national winner in the 'Empowering women in a community or organisation in Australia'. Carol has presented at numerous International Conferences including New Zealand, Finland, South Korea, USA, China and Mongolia.

Ms Hanlon's contribution to the globally recognised Women's Economic Forum (WEF), New Delhi includes the following activities:

**1) Presenting at Parallel Session on 12th May, 11am-12noon, Topic: 'Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through ONLINE Business Incubation'**

Dovetailing into the WEF Conference Day Theme which is 'Driving the future through Mentoring, Consulting, Coaching & Training', Carol will highlight Online' Business Incubation projects delivering Business Training & Mentoring to women entrepreneurs; Retirement Income Planning for Women; Global Fashion Opportunities; Award Programs, Energy Efficiency and Social Enterprise Projects.

**2) Presenting on WEF Plenary Panel on Thursday, 11th May 2017, 3:30-4:30pm, Theme: 'Driving the future through Converting Ideas to successful Businesses and Reputation Management'**

**3) Hosting a WEF Roundtable of Entrepreneurs and delegates on the 11th May, 12noon-1pm**

Ms Hanlon has also been invited to be a member of the Advisory Executive Council for the Women's Economic Forum which will be held on the 8-13th of May 2017, New Delhi, India.

Ms Hanlon said, "Attending WEF 2017 will enable peer-exchange and learning in a diverse and interdisciplinary context, as they are a powerhouse for massive connections and networking across the globe. Their events empower women to expand their business opportunities and increase their global influence,

"WEF also welcomes men who support the cause of women's leadership in ALL walks of life." Ms Hanlon said.

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