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Carol Hanlon Invited to be a part of Australian delegation to APEC 2013 Women in Economy Forum, Bali, Indonesia

The SME APEC Ministers Conference will also be happening and the Indonesia International APEC SME Exhibition is also at the same time

Carol Hanlon, CEO of non-profit organisations Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) and Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA Inc (TCFWA), has been invited to join the Australian Government delegation for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women and the Economy Forum in Bali, Indonesia from the 6th to the 8th of September 2013. This year there are only 3 delegates that have been invited from Australia by the Australian Government Office for Women.

Belmont BEC provides small business assistance with training and mentoring, networking and advisory to those wishing to start a small business or growing an existing business. TCFWA assists designers and fashion industry with specialist business skills development, linkages in the global supply chain, trade and industry networks, coordinates village sewing projects and facilitates a TCF Global network. Both organisations have assisted over 13,000 women in small business not only locally and but nationally through online virtual business incubation.

This year's APEC Forum will include discussions on the following topics:

- Women and ICT
- Infrastructure and Human Capital
- Structural Reform

Carol Hanlon, CEO of Belmont BEC and TCFWA said, "I am excited to have been invited to attend the event with fellow delegates Ms Mairi Steele (Office for Women) and Ms Penelope Howarth (APEC Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade). I have also been invited to attend the Indonesia International SME Exhibition on APEC SME's Local to Global: Locally Connected, Globally Competitive, which takes place from the 4th to the 7th of September this year."

Ms Hanlon said of the opportunity to attend the International Forums, "The APEC Women and the Economy Forum will be a fantastic opportunity to share some of the issues that clients of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre, TCFWA, TCF Australia and TCF Global have shared with me over the years regarding their small businesses. I am looking forward to learning about issues facing women business owners around the APEC region, and bringing back tips and opportunities for Australian business women".

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