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Carol Hanlon co-ordinating 2022 Global NGO CSW virtual forum

Carol Hanlon, Founder/CEO, Belmont BEC (BEC Global), BPW Business Incubator, and TCF WA (TCF Global) is forum co-ordinator and a presenter at the upcoming virtual forum 'Economic Empowerment of Women showcasing Sustainable Development Goals' at a parallel event during United Nations Commission Status Women 66 (CSW)

The forum will be hosted by NGO CSW, an organisation that works towards promoting women's human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls on an international level. Their mission is to provide a platform for the voices and leadership of feminists and women's rights organisations across the globe.

Ms Carol Hanlon will be one of the many talented women from around the globe presenting at the virtual forum this year. The presenters will be discussing various topics around leadership, women's health, economic empowerment, global opportunities and more. This will be the seventh NGO CSW Forum that Carol has facilitated and presented during the annual UN CSW NGO parallel events held in New York and more recently globally online.

Ms Hanlon will be presenting about empowering women entrepreneurs through small business training & mentoring, disability projects, migrant designers, circular economies, sustainability, fashion, creative industries & social enterprises, and will showcase empowered women making a difference globally.

Other global speakers include the following:

Celeste Mergens and Tiffany Larson, Days for Girls International, USA will be presenting on advancing menstrual equity and shattering the stigma of menstruation. Days for Girls International developed a washable and reusable menstrual health product that comes in a beautiful kit including various items such as absorbent liners, waterproof shields, and care sheet. Ms Mergens's presentation will be covering sustainable menstrual care and health education.

Önder Senol from DeFacto, Turkey will discuss DeFacto's approach towards women's empowerment and the Dreams Made of Fabric project. Mr Senol is the CFO at DeFacto, one of the leading brands in the fashion industry in Turkey and operates over 500 stores around the globe.

Zeina Ataya, Vice President of BPW Lebanon will present on the creation and implementation of micro sewing projects in Lebanon. These projects have provided a level of disaster relief for Lebanese women following the 2020 explosion in the Port of Beirut.

Nageswaree Kodai, MY Business Incubator Cyber Security Project, Australia. Nageswaree has a Master of Cyber Security and will be presenting on the most important tips you need to protect yourself and your organisation against cybercrimes and infiltrations.

Sara Azimi from Peivande Gole Narges, Tehran will present on training and employment for disadvantaged women and girls. Peivande Gole Narges promotes empowerment of women heads of households and orphaned girls through training and other opportunities.



Khadiga Eltazi, President of BPW Bahry, Sudan. *Khadiga has been club president for the last 15 years with a professional focus on empowering women socially, economically, and politically to achieve equality. Khadiga has channelled her work to endorse female empowerment, specifically through education in conflict areas within Sudan. Her presentation will discuss the routes and infrastructure put in place to allow for the empowerment of women in areas of conflict past or present.*

Elena Lennox, DevelopMental, Australia *will present on how paying attention to the mental health and wellbeing of your team, in a workplace is vital to ensure the best business performance. Maintaining mental and physical wellbeing requires the ability to adapt to change to overcome adversity.*

Paz Martin, Chair, Business, Trade & Technology Committee, BPW International, Spain. *Paz will discuss how BPW International is building an extensive network as the most valuable tool in accelerating economic inclusion in and SDG's. BPW is one of the world's oldest womens NGO's, established in 1930, operates in over 100 countries and is on General Consultative Status at ESOSOC, United Nations.*

Benedicta Nanyonga, Founder of Kinawataka Women Initiatives, Uganda, *an organisation that was created to empower marginalised women through environmentally conscious economic projects. Through the recycling of straws, creating them into various crafts such as bags and jewellery, it reduces the plastic waste and provides an opportunity for women to provide an income to their households. Ms Nanyonga will discuss creating sustainable cities and communities and scholarship program for primary and secondary girls' education programs.*

Suzi Craddock, The Rhythm Centre Australia *will discuss dance therapies benefiting trauma victims and chronic illness sufferers. Suzi is dedicated to helping people grow and heal through the power of movement and dance, a passion conducted through her organisation The Rhythm Centre since 2014.*

Jasmyn Mumme, past president, BPW Australia *will be discussing how to develop your leadership potential. BPW Australia is a forum for women to meet, network and socialise with other like-minded women. Jasmyn was National President of BPW Australia from 2016 to 2018 and has 35years experience in leadership roles across women's organisation and not-for-profit boards.*

Ms Hanlon said, "I am thrilled to be once again invited by NGO CSW to co-ordinate this global Online Forum during UN CSW66 and address the audience of this important global forum. I am honoured to be joined by a group of amazing women who are thriving in their various fields and helping woman across the globe."

Registration for the NGO CSW virtual forum is free and can be completed at www.ngocsw.org

The forum will take place on 17th March 2022, 5pm-7pm Perth, Western Australia time (4am-6am New York time)

Advance Zoom Registration <https://tinyurl.com/yckvxfhp>

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