

MEDIA RELEASE

Carol Hanlon to present at UN CSW64, New York, March 2020, Parallel NGO Event

Topic: 'Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through the Sustainable Development Goals

Carol Hanlon, Founder/CEO, Belmont BEC (BEC Global) BPW Business Incubator, and TCF WA (TCF Global) will facilitate an NGO Forum during UN CSW64 in New York during March 2020. An extensive list of high-profile global speakers was invited to join the NGO CSW Forum who will share their insights, best practices and inspiration.

VIP Guest of Honour Dr Gertrude Mongella who as Chair, United Nations 4th World Conference Women, Beijing 1995, will share her experiences of the ground-breaking 4th WCW and insights on 2020 Beijing+25 and achievements of BPW Tanzania where Dr Mongella is also BPW country President. Dr Mongella will also be presented the 'Woman of Decade Award in Public Life and Leadership' that was bestowed during the Women Economic Forum, held in Perth WA.

Facilitator Carol Hanlon will be presenting about empowering women entrepreneurs through small business training & mentoring, disability employment projects, migrant designers, circular economies, fashion sustainability, social enterprises, and will showcase empowered women making a difference globally. Ms Hanlon is currently State President, BPW WA and was the Convenor, Women Economic Forum, Perth, WA.

The NGO CSW Forum gives non-government organisations from around the world the opportunity to discuss issues pertaining to women and girls, to network, share strategies/good practices, and to lobby governments to implement resolutions and treaties.

'Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through the Sustainable Development Goals' will be held

Date: 9th March 2020

Time: 8.30am – 10.30am

Venue: Salvation Army Auditorium, 221 East 52nd St. New York

Additional high-profile speakers will also be presenting:

- **Celeste Mergens**, Founder/CEO, Days for Girls International - empowering women & girls worldwide through sustainable menstrual care and health education www.daysforgirls.org
- **Önder Şenol**, CFO, DeFacto, Turkey - signatory to UN WEP's Global Goals, leading fashion retailer in 30+ countries. DeFacto Empowerment: Dreams Made of Fabric Project www.defacto.org.tr
- **Susan Jones**, First Vice President, Membership Chair, BPW International - developing professional, leadership & business potential of women globally in 100+ countries www.bpwinternational.org
- **Rosemary Williams**, Millionth Circle Initiative/Women's Perspective, USA - update on behalf Dr. Harbeen Arora, Founder & Global Chair, Women Economic Forum on 5WCW Mission Million 2022, India. www.wef.org.in
- **Miriam Cuellar**, Faculty of Engineering & Information Technology, University of Technology Sydney - insights of women & girls in STEM creating opportunities for the future. www.uts.edu.au
- **Sara Azimi**, Peivande Gole Narges, Charity Organization (PGN) Tehran, Iran - empowering women & orphaned girls providing vocational training, employment & business opportunities. www.pgolenarges.ir
- **Ezgi Ulusoy Yilmaz**, Board Member, Turuncu Association, Turkey - gender equality, elimination of violence & discrimination of women, girls, LGBT individuals & refugees. www.turuncuderneki.org

Ms Hanlon has an extensive 26year record of delivering small business development programs for the benefit of women across Australia and internationally. Carol was an Australian Government delegate at APEC Women Economy Forums held in Russia, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines where Carol was also recognised in the

Iconograph Exhibition 'Women Icons of APEC'. She was also invited by the NGO CSW Forums at United Nations CSW56, 59, 60, 61, 62 and CSW63 to deliver forums on women and business empowerment making the 2020 event the 7th NGO CSW Forum facilitated by Ms Hanlon in New York. 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.

Carol Hanlon said, "For two weeks in March every year, the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) turns the focus of the United Nations towards women and gender related issues worldwide. I'm honoured to have been invited to present a forum during NGO CSW64. We appreciate the support of all our speakers and supporters including leading fashion retailer DeFacto, Turkey who is a signatory to the Global Goals, Women Empowerment Principles in Turkey."

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