



## MEDIA RELEASE UN CSW68 NGO FORUM NEW YORK

### **Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs, Gender Equality, and Sustainable Development Goals**

Carol Hanlon, Founder/CEO, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC | BEC Global), TCF WA Inc. (TCF Global) and BPW Business Incubator, will be presenting in New York at the NGO CSW68 Forum, 'Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs, Gender Equality, and Sustainable Development Goals'.

The forum will be hosted by NGO CSW, which is a coalition of many global non-government organisations, civil societies and individuals that are concerned and working towards the world-wide attainment of women's human rights, gender equality and empowerment of women and girls on an international level. Their mission is to provide an international platform for the voices and leadership of feminists and women's rights advocates across the globe to inform, engage and inspire.

Ms Carol Hanlon will showcase many inspirational women and men making a difference globally through social enterprises and NGOs providing insights into their projects and programs and the range of issues affecting the economic empowerment of women, gender equality, women's empowerment principles and the sustainable development goals.

Ms Hanlon will be presenting about empowering women entrepreneurs through small business training and mentoring projects, migrant sewing projects, circular economies, fashion sustainability and global export opportunities.

Other global speakers include the following:

**Tiffany Larson, Days for Girls International, USA** will share how DfG has been working, since 2008, to achieve global menstrual equity through access to products, education, and advocacy. Learn about DfG's decentralized social enterprise model, a market-oriented approach, which generates employment through sales, breaks down barriers to gender equity, and catalyzes transformative change within communities.

**Terese Edwards, Single Mother Families Australia Inc.** will outline their recent success in tackling poverty. SMFA engaged in human rights systems with the United Nations. The Australian Prime Minister and Minister for Women and Finance validated their work. SMFA now seeks settings that enable aspirations and entrepreneurship to advance individual and systemic empowerment.

**Samin Khojasteh, Peivande Gole Narges, Iran** will provide insights re empowerment of women heads of households and orphaned girls by vocational training, helping them get a job or selling their products in exhibitions and artisan fairs. The Charity also has attention on mental problems which have a direct or indirect impact on physical health and their work.

**Sweta Gupta, BPW Sudan** will present a paper reflecting the Impact of devastating effects of the war in Sudan on women owners of small and medium businesses and the expected recovery solutions to prevent collapse of their economic situation and assisting them to improve their urgent needs (war economics).

**Prossy Sserunjogi, Kinawataka Women Initiatives, Uganda** will share an innovative sustainability project recycling used straws to make useful products like mats, bags, belts, and wallets hence cleaning up the environment and empowering marginalized women and youth for self-sustainability. They use the proceeds to educate vulnerable girl's from the slums. They also encourage their clients once products get worn out to return them for Re-recycle into cups plates and spoons

**Sylvana Hajjar Abbas, BPW Lebanon** will update on the 'sewing' project established after the massive explosion, port of Beirut 2020. Through the support of BPW Australia, TCF WA and Belmont BEC and others a 40ft container of sewing machines, textiles and accessories were donated to help and empower Lebanese women.



**Joslyn Eades-Tass Consulting Services, Dream A Dream Foundation Ltd., Australia** insights into innovative strategic opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to become empowered, enable and present in the entrepreneurial sector.

**Dr Rachel Hanlon, Hello Machine, Australia** will update and inform on matters of media archaeology providing vision and perceptions from her PHD technology & communications global art project, which explores how the telephone, an 'object' that was significant to a particular generation as simply a technological device, can surpass its intended functional purpose and evolve into another 'thing' altogether.

**Geeta Sidhu-Robb, WCorp, UK** will introduce a new kind of manifesto. Where conscious corporations commit to certified workplace reform, courageous leaders embed game-changing opportunity, inspired communities ignite grassroots movements and women are seen as powerful co-contributors towards the building of an ever-expanding world.

**Delgermaa (Deggi) Altangerel, BPW Belmont, Australia** will present on the intersectional impact on women, employment, and career opportunities. About women's identities – including disability, cultural, ethnic and racial diversity, Indigeneity, life stages, gender and other identities and strategies for equity and inclusion in workplaces and in decision-making.

Ms Hanlon said, "I am thrilled to once again be invited to address this important global forum. It is an honour to be the convenor of this group of amazing women and men who are making a difference in the world today re the economic empowerment of women, promotion of gender equality, and the sustainable development goals. In 2024, this will be our ninth Forum I have co-ordinated during UN NGOCSW with a focus on the theme 'Economic Empowerment of Women'.

**FREE ENTRY - NGO CSW FORUM 20th March, 12.30pm, CCUN 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York**

**Speaker Profiles** <https://bpwbusinessincubator.com/empoweringwomen> or view [www.ngocsw.org](http://www.ngocsw.org)

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