

## High-level side event at the 2018 General Assembly Innovative financing to catalyse women's entrepreneurship in Asia and the Pacific

13:15-14:30, 28 September 2018  
CR-B, Main Building, UN Headquarters, New York

### OBJECTIVES



**Showcase** innovative financing approaches to address access to finance barriers facing women entrepreneurs



**Connect** the women's empowerment, financing, technology, and innovation communities to exchange ideas & best practices



**Launch** a new initiative to advance women's entrepreneurship in Asia-Pacific led by ESCAP with financial support from Global Affairs Canada

### PROGRAMME

#### Opening Remarks

- Mr. Hongjoo Hahm, Officer-in-Charge, ESCAP
- Ms. Louise Blais, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York

#### Panel Discussion

- H.E. Dr. ING Kantha Phavi, Minister, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Cambodia
- Mr. Xavier Michon, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNCDF
- Ms. Durreen Shahnaz, Founder & CEO, Impact Investment Exchange
- Ms. Sarah Alexander, Senior Managing Director, Global Innovation Fund

#### Q&A

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