

## PROGRAMME

- 08.00 - 09.00      **Registration of participants|**
- 09.00 - 09.45      **Welcome coffee and croissants offered by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women (Switzerland)**
- OPENING SESSION**
- 10.00 – 10.30      **Welcoming address: Women’s entrepreneurship and UNECE**  
*Ms. Danuta Hübner, United Nation Under-Secretary-General, Executive Secretary (UNECE)*
- Chairperson:** *Ms. Larissa Kapitsa, Director, Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities (UNECE)*
- 10.30 - 11.30      **SESSION I: Diversity and similarity of personal experiences: The UNECE Gallery of Excellent Women-Entrepreneurs**
- Chairman:** *Mr. Antal Szabo, Regional Adviser on Entrepreneurship and SMEs (UNECE)*
- Moderator:** *Ms. Cornelia Rotaru, General Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Romania)*
- *Ms. Gisèle Rufer, Founder of “DELANCE”, Winner of the Golden Idea Oscar 2000 from the Swiss Association for Idea and Innovation (Switzerland)*
  - *Ms. Meltem Kurstan, General Manager, “Kurstan Pharmaceuticals” (Turkey)*
  - *Ms. Bożena Batycka, Owner, “Epocca” (Poland)*
  - *Ms. Raĭkan Israilova, Founder of the Credit Union “Kairat-Bol” (Kyrgyzstan)*
- 11.30 - 13.00      **SESSION II: Networks of women-entrepreneurs in the ECE region: Partnership, institution building, access to information, and business development services**
- Chairperson:** *Ms. Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Regional Adviser on Gender and Economy (UNECE)*
- Moderator:** *Ms. Dunja Pastizzi-Ferencic, Senior Adviser, Council for International Economic Relations, Winner of the Global Entrepreneur of the Year 2000 Award (Croatia)*
- *Ms. Cristina Grigorescu, CEO, “Kasta Metal”, and President, Association of Entrepreneurial Women (Romania)*
  - *Ms. Lubica Mandicova, Executive Director, “Prospecta”, Center for Management Development, Founder of CEBWA (Slovakia)*
  - *Ms. Ewa Lisowska, President, International Women’s Forum (Poland)*

- **Ms. Marta Turk**, *President, Association of Slovenian Entrepreneurs, Winner of the European Women of Achievement Award 2001 (Slovenia)*
- **Ms. Nino Elizbarashvili**, *President, Georgian Association of Women in Business (Georgia)*
- **Ms. Conchita Poncini**, *Representative, International Federation of Business and Professional Women and International Federation of University Women (Switzerland)*

13.00 - 15.00

**Lunch Break**

15.00 - 16.30

**SESSION III: Challenges for women-entrepreneurs: Access to technology and foreign markets**

**Chairperson:** *Ms. Larissa Kapitsa, Director, Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities (UNECE)*

**Moderator:** *Mr. Andrew Fiddaman, Associate Director, Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum (United Kingdom)*

- **Ms. Marianne Dott-Kallenius**, *Chamber of Commerce of East Sweden (Sweden)*
- **Ms. Nedylka-Nelly Popova**, *Owner and General Manager, Apple Center (Bulgaria)*
- **Ms. Saida Iskakova**, *Director, NPO "Microcredit" (Kazakhstan)*
- **Ms. Olga Apatenko**, *Head of the Chief Department, State Committee of Ukraine for Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship (Ukraine)*
- **Mr. Gerry Finnegan**, *Senior Specialist, Women's Entrepreneurship Development, International Labour Organization (ILO)*
- **Ms. Hanne T. Laugesen**, *Head, Department of Conferences and Gender Focal Point, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)*

17.30 - 18.00

**CONCLUDING SESSION: Next steps to better utilize a regional perspective of UNECE to promote women's entrepreneurship**

**Chairperson:** *Ms. Danuta Hübner, United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Executive Secretary (UNECE)*

18.30

**Reception hosted by the UNECE**