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Gender Equality for Economic Recovery

In the current context of consolidation of growth and economic recovery after one of the most severe recessions in recent decades, gender equality is presented not only as the cornerstone of any democratic society but also as a prerequisite for growth and economic development. It is essential at this time, to ensure that social cohesion, equal opportunities and gender equality are present in the budget policy responses applied by the public authorities.

The Andalusian Administration has been implementing Gender Responsive Budgeting for more than a decade, in order to contribute to a more equitable distribution of budgetary resources and the correction of inequalities between women and men, thereby increasing the efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public resources.

Following with the series of International Conferences on Economy and Gender Budgeting started in 2006, the Andalusian Ministry of Finance and Public Administration announces a new international day of reflection. The objective of the Conference is to place gender equality at the core of debate in economic and budgetary policy, analyzing the variety of interrelated aspects that reinforce the relation between economic growth and gender equality and that are reflected in Gender Budgeting principles.

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PROGRAM

- 9.15 Registration of participants
- 9.30 Opening and welcome
- 10.00 Keynote lecture: The Economic Cost of Gender Inequality

Carolina SÁNCHEZ-PÁRAMO

Practice Manager. Poverty and Equity Department. World Bank.

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Round table: Gender Equality and Economic Recovery

Ronnie DOWNES

Deputy Head. Budgeting & Public Expenditures Division. OECD.

Gianluca SGUEO

Policy Analyst. European Parliamentary Research Service.

Lina GÁLVEZ

Professor of Economic History and Institutions. Pablo de Olavide University (Seville).

13.00 Round table: International Gender Budgeting Experiences

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Permanent Secretary. Ministry of Finance. Island.

María José GUALDA

Secretary General for Finance. Ministry of Finance and Public Administration. Andalusian Government.

Friederike SCHWARZENDORFER

Deputy Director General for Budget and Public Finances. Ministry of Finance. Austria.

14.30 Closing session

María Jesús MONTERO

Minister of Finance and Public Administration. Andalusian Government.