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# ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

"POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR SECURING  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT IN  
THE PRODUCTIVE SECTOR OF OUR COUNTRIES"



Thursday  
13 June, 2024



Duration  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (EST)

Virtual - Zoom Meeting

## AGENDA

9:00 – 9:20 a.m.

### Opening Remarks:

- **Kim Osborne**, Executive Secretary for Integral Development (SEDI), OAS
- **Alejandra Mora Mora**, Executive Secretary for the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), OAS
- **H.E. Francisco O. Mora**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, U.S. Mission to the OAS

9:20 – 10:00 a.m.

### Exchange of experiences on good practices and policies for women's economic empowerment:

- **Canada** – Abebech Assefa, Head of Cooperation, High Commission of Canada in Bridgetown, Barbados
- **Belize** – Dr. Leroy Almendarez, Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (BELTRAIDE)
- **Jamaica** – Sancia Bennet Templer, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce

*Moderator:* Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### Presentations by Representatives of the WEE Project participating Countries on Existing policies and strategies on the following:

- Enhancing women's economic participation and leadership.
- Promoting business formalization.

### Dialogue among participants.

#### Key questions for discussion:

- What are the existing challenges to ensuring women's full participation and leadership in the productive sector?
- What are some concrete policy recommendations and/or reforms needed to advance women's economic empowerment?

### Closing Remarks