

Panel on Women and Services Trade

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Trade policy circles have transformed how they consider gender and trade issues. We are witnessing a transformation from “trade is gender neutral” to gender-responsive trade and trade policy. Those responsible for trade policy increasingly recognize the differential impacts of trade and trade policy on women and men and the need to measure and address them. We have come a long way in accumulating statistical and qualitative evidence related to women’s participation in trade (and the remaining obstacles). Unfortunately, much less is still understood about gender-differentiated impacts of services trade, particularly in some of the modes of supply. This session will attempt to draw attention to general and specific considerations as they relate to women and trade in services and, in particular, those supplied through mode 1.

Moderator: Bonnie Rivendell, Program Director, the Australian APEC Study Centre

Keynote Speaker:

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Roundtable Discussion:

- Deborah Elms, Founder and Executive Director of the Asian Trade Centre, Singapore
- Maria Esperanza Alconcel, National Project Coordinator for ARISE Plus/ITC in the Philippines
- Stephanie Honey, Director of Honey Consulting, New Zealand