

**“Gender Budgeting- good and bad practices -
Gender Justice of public expenditures”**

IAW and WILPF



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- Chair: Rosy Weiss President, IAW-International Alliance of Women
Moderator: Marion Böker IAW, EGBN-European Gender Budget Network,
“Initiative for Gender Justice of the budget in Berlin”
- Speaker: Ewa Ruminska-Zimny UN-Economic Commission For Europe
(UNECE) - The economical setting of Gender
Budgeting
- Dr. Abdul Razique Samadi Afghanistan Deputy Minister of
Finances for Administration Affairs-
Gender Budgeting - A new instrument for
gender justice and it's benefits for the equality of
women and men
- Klaus Feiler Ministry for Finances of the Land Berlin/Germany
Chair of the GB-implementation working group of
the Land Berlin: The methodology and results of the
integration of GB in the budget planning document
of Berlin since 2002

Following of the presentations of the two substantial and systematic processes of implementation in Afghanistan and the Land Berlin (Germany), its challenges and advantages by the two representatives of Land Berlin and Afghanistan the debate should raise the question if not all citizens he & she have a right that Governments guarantee their public expenditures are planned and distributed in an appropriate way. As to gender equality it means budgets are adjusted so that no form of gender discrimination can result from the budget and that gender equality goals will be better, more effective and transparent achieved and inequalities are detected regularly in the budgets.

Which are the methodologies and approaches to administer gender equality as an overall objective of budgets? How is transparency created? How does it help Members of Parliaments, Government, NGOs and the civil society? When allows an en-gendered budget a better controlling of gender and other equalities? Which change and consequences in the distribution of finances, policies, and measures can be reported? Finally: what is the economical dimension of public expenditure and what is the long term goal and vision?

The UN-Economic Commission For Europe (UNECE) is monitoring Gender Budgeting implementation processes especially in Europe. The representative will give an overview on their main objectives, views and recommendations.

How are Governments and Administrations dealing with the implementation in such different regions in the world and under very different economical situation - living in peace and wealth and living in a post war period?

What is their main focus under different circumstances? What is the role of civil societies and NGOs? What could be done to initiate a better exchange between all stakeholders on the practices to enhance and improve the practice?

A proper gender responsive budget is a tool to tackle the economic and gender inequalities. It is a tool which serves to handle micro- and macroeconomic problems in all countries, rich or poor, especially about equal participation on the labour market, gender-pay-gap, child care services, the balance of paid and unpaid work and many more.

How fare can practice address this broad agenda in the moment, what are the lacks and gaps and what has to be done do develop practice further? If budgets are gender responsive they can empower women and men to participate in political and financial decision making processes on local, regional and international level.

The tool of gender responsive budgets are as well social, peace and environmental responsive.

The panel shall raise the question what could be done to enhance implementation processes in all regions of the world and what could be done to learn more from each other.

Let's ad-just our budgets in a way which creates peace & empowers women, development of all people, get gender equality and justice realized by state and civil society stakeholders!

The debate is open for newcomers to learn and practitioners for an exchange.

IAW and WILPF cordially invite you for this side event.

Just a few quotes

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.

Maria Montessori

If American women would increase their voting turnout by ten percent, I think we would see an end to all of the budget cuts in programs benefiting women and children.

Coretta Scott King

When men talk about defence, they always claim to be protecting women and children, but they never ask the women and children what they think.

Patricia Schroeder, former Democrat in the US House of Representatives as Colorado's first Congresswoman, 1973-1996

Never have so many had such broad and advanced access to health care. But never have so many been denied access to health.

Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 8 December 1998

Gender budgeting, surely we have means for ensuring gender equality in public finance and surely we have the ability to disaggregate public finance in such a way as to track and show the budget resources that actually go to women.

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, Eighth Meeting of the Africa Partnership Forum in Berlin, Germany, 22-23 May 2007