

Women's Economic Empowerment and Growth

Opportunities, Challenges, and Policy Implications

Panel Discussion

Friday, May 10th 16:00-17:30 (reception to follow)
Lagoon Beach Hotel (Atlantic 1)
Cape Town, South Africa

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE), and the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) will jointly host a panel discussion on *Women's Economic Empowerment and Growth: Opportunities, Challenges, and Policy Implications*.

The panel is aimed at fostering dialogue among researchers, policy makers, and practitioners on key advances and challenges, knowledge and policy gaps, and opportunities for enhancing research to policy nexus. It will be followed by a small reception to allow continued interaction.

Panelists:

- [Abena Oduro](#) (Senior Lecturer at the Department of Economics, University of Ghana, and the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences);
- [Caren Grown](#) (Senior Gender Advisor at USAID; on leave as Economist-In-Residence at American University);
- [Alan Hirsch](#) (Professor and Director, Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice, University of Cape Town);
- [Martin Valdivia](#) (Senior Researcher at GRADE and Director of the PEP office in Latin American); and
- [Markus Goldstein](#) (Africa Region Gender Practice & the Development Research Group, World Bank)