

**Block I: Our contribution to the reduction of fragility**

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 11-12:30

<b>Workshop description</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Gender, fragility &amp; economics: rural economic development</b>
<b>Focus and Key questions</b>	<p>The focus of this workshop is on the integration of gender in PSG 4 'Economic foundations' for just, peaceful and inclusive societies, and its relevance for the SDG 5 on gender equality. It is recognized by now that women play a crucial role in agriculture, but they often lack access to productive resources, markets and financial services.</p> <p>Several SDC offices undertook gender assessments of the agricultural and/or rural economic development providing interesting insights into the gender division of labour and the related opportunities and obstacles for women's economic empowerment.</p> <p>Key questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are major findings of the gender assessments – what are gender gaps and opportunities in rural economic development?</li> <li>• How to integrate these into our strategic planning in rural economic development programs?</li> <li>• How does women's economic empowerment in rural societies contribute to the reduction of fragility?</li> </ul>
<b>Examples and resource persons from the field</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyrgyzstan, Gender Scoping Study for Small and Medium Enterprise Development (Elena Zakirova)</li> <li>• Georgia, Gender Assessment of Agriculture and local Development Systems (Chantal Felder)</li> <li>• Mongolia, Gender Analysis in Pastoral Livestock Herding (Erdenasaikhan Nyamjav)</li> <li>• Laos, gender baseline survey in the agricultural sector (Phothong Siliphong)</li> </ul>
<b>Responsible / Resource person</b>	Chantal Felder /Flurina Derungs (IZFG)
<b>Workshop procedure</b>	<p>Presentation of the key findings of the different gender assessments</p> <p>Discussions in groups on how findings have been /will be integrated in the planning and monitoring of programs and how these link to gender &amp; fragility (if relevant for the context)</p> <p>Identification of key learnings</p>
<b>Workshop Outcome</b>	