

**Block II: Who do we partner with? Working with state and civil society**

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 15:00-16:30

<b>Workshop description</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Financing for Gender Equality and working with Women's Civil Society</b>
Focus and Key questions	<p>One of SDC's principles is to work with Civils Society's organization (CSOs). This workshop will focus on gender equality and the work with women's organization. We will discuss how our SDC offices can best work with and support women's civil society organizations in order to promote women's empowerment. We will share good practices and develop guidelines on working with women's organization. Further, we will get an overview on SDC's work with women's organization. This will also help to stimulate a donor-dialogue on OECD/DAC Gendernet on the financial support for Women's CSO.</p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) What are your experiences in working with women's CSO?</li><li>2) In what topics do you work with these organizations?</li><li>3) What are the best practices and how can we reach our goals best together with women's CSO?</li></ol>
Examples/ Resource persons from the field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Burkina Faso, Habibou Koanda</li><li>• Western Balkans, Kristina Kolozova-Antovikj</li><li>• Kosovo, Viktor Popovic (tbc)</li><li>• Niger (tbc)</li></ul>
Moderator /Responsible	Sarah Koch, Gender Focal Point HQ
Workshop procedure	<p>Introduction: presentation of findings from email-survey and main questions of the workshop.</p> <p>Presentation of good examples on gender-budgeting and working with Women's CSOs.</p> <p>Group discussion and development of principles for financing gender equality and working with Women's CSOs.</p>
Workshop Outcome	We will develop together a short guidance on how to support women's CSOs.