

## **APEC Women and the Economy Summit (WES)** **September 13-16, San Francisco**

**What:** The **APEC Women and the Economy Summit** is the premier event bringing together senior private and public sector players for a dialogue on fostering women's economic empowerment among the APEC economies. The dialogue will support a set of policy recommendations that will be delivered to the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, scheduled for November 12-13, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Where:** San Francisco, California

**When:** September 13-16, 2011

**Who:** This event is designed for private sector leaders representing multinational corporations, SMEs, academia and civil society as well as for senior government officials responsible for setting international, economic, trade, and small and medium enterprise (SME) policies.

**Goals:**

- To pursue concrete policy recommendations and projects to increase women's economic participation and drive economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region.
- To elevate and streamline the dialogue so that recommendations are adopted at the highest level.
- To present a program that is aspirational, inspirational and practical.



### **About APEC**

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is the premier Asia-Pacific economic forum. Its primary goal is to support sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region. Its 21 Member Economies are: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, The People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, The Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, The United States, and Vietnam.

APEC is united in its drive to build a dynamic and harmonious Asia-Pacific community by championing free and open trade and investment, promoting and accelerating regional economic integration, encouraging economic and technical cooperation, enhancing human security, and facilitating a favorable and sustainable business environment. Its initiatives turn policy goals into concrete results and agreements into tangible benefits. The WES will integrate women more fully into APEC economic planning and policy development.