UK Launch of the World Development Report 2012: Gender Equality and Development

23 November 2011, 09.00 – 12.00
Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE

Despite significant achievements in achieving gender parity in some areas globally, widespread progress has so far remained uneven and slow. The World Development Report 2012 on Gender Equality and Development indicates that the worst disparity is the rate at which girls and women die relative to men in developing countries. It also notes that although the world has made significant progress in narrowing gender gaps in education, health and labour markets over the past 25 years, gaps remain in the lower school enrolments of disadvantaged girls; unequal access for women to economic opportunities and incomes, whether in the labour market, agriculture or entrepreneurship; and large differences in voice between women and men both in households and societies.

AGENDA

09.00 – 09.30 Registration; tea and coffee

SESSION I | OPENING
09.30 – 09.45

Welcome: Dr Robin Niblett, Director, Chatham House

Keynote speech: Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, Secretary of State for International Development

SESSION II | PRESENTATION OF KEY MESSAGES FROM THE WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2012
09.45 – 10.30

Speaker: Sudhir Shetty, Co-Director of the World Development Report 2012
Followed by Q&A session

10.30 – 10.45 Break

SESSION III | PANEL DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FAST-TRACKING PROGRESS
10.45 – 12.00

Chair: Lucy Lamble, Global Development Editor, The Guardian

Panellists: Robert Bailey, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House; Professor Oriana Bandiera, London School of Economics; Alison Evans, Director, Overseas Development Institute; Rachel Moussié, Women’s Rights Advisor, ActionAid International
Followed by Q&A session and general discussion
Organisational details

Location
Chatham House is located at 10 St James’s Square, London SW1Y 4LE. The nearest Underground stations are Piccadilly Circus (three minutes’ walk) and Green Park (five minutes’ walk) – see map below.

Facilities
Coffee will be provided at the points indicated in the agenda.

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