



**The All-Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group (PHRG),
in conjunction with**

CORE (*UK civil society coalition on corporate accountability*)

&

the Gender and Development Network – Working Group on Women’s Economic Justice,

invites you to a Parliamentary roundtable on

***Women’s empowerment and
the role of the private sector in development
& responsible business***

Monday, 17 October 2016, 5.30p.m.,

Wilson Room, Portcullis House, House of Commons

Chair: Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, PHRG Officer

With speakers:

- ❖ **Laura Kelly, Head of Business Engagement,
Private Sector Dept, Department for International Development;**
- ❖ **Kathryn Dovey, National Contact Point Coordination, OECD;**
- ❖ **Luz Angela Urina, Provincial, La Guajira, Colombia;**
- ❖ **Dr. Annelen Micus, Legal Advisor, CCAJAR, Colombia;**
- ❖ **Private Sector speaker (tbc)**

In its 2014 International Development (Gender Equality) Act, the UK Government made an explicit commitment to ensure that development assistance contributes to reducing poverty in a way which also contributes to improving gender equality.

Please join us therefore to discuss how to ensure the increasing role of the private sector in development benefits women, particularly to further gender equality, advance their rights, and assist them to build more accountable and responsive institutions at all levels.

For more information or to RSVP contact Nicole Piché, PHRG Co-ordinator:

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