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UN Global Compact Commemorates International Women's Day 2009 Advancing Women's Position in the Global Marketplace

5 March 2009

Delegates Dining Room, UN Headquarters, New York

Draft Agenda Information

09:00 am **Arrival at the UN (Visitors' entrance, First Avenue at 45th Street)**

Participants are encouraged to arrive early for refreshments and networking

09:30 am **Welcome**

- Remarks by the Executive Director of UNIFEM
- Remarks by the Executive Director of the UN Global Compact
- Presentation on the status of women worldwide with a particular focus on elements that are most relevant for business

10:00 am **Why the Women's Principles; Why Now?**

Panel and discussion on the Women's Principles
Presentation by Calvert; a company that has engaged with the Women's Principles thus far; and a civil society organization

Questions to be discussed include:

- How are the Women's Principles good for business and development?
- Experience to date
- What's next?

12:00 pm **Lunch and keynote address**

13:00 pm **Creating the Optimum Workplace**

Chaired by the ILO

From fair and equal treatment of women workers to women's health and safety initiatives and more, the workplace provides many opportunities for business to promote equality.

Questions to be discussed include:

- What are examples of business practice that are making a difference?
- What can we all learn from them and how might such examples be scaled up?
- What are the opportunities for further progress?

14:30 pm Women and Entrepreneurship

Chaired by the ITC

How can the platform and network of the UN Global Compact be leveraged to help raise awareness of and scale up promising examples of business efforts to help advance women's economic empowerment?

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16:00 pm Other Public-Private Partnerships and Initiatives Advancing Gender Equality

Beyond the workplace and supply chain, there are many other ways in which business can and is helping to advance women's position in the global market place. Some examples include promotion of the Millennium Development Goals and contributions to other broad social objectives.

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17:00 pm Closing

- **Remarks by Barbara J. Krumsiek, Chair, CEO and President of Calvert Group, Ltd**
- **Remarks by the Executive Director of the UN Global Compact Office on next steps and a call for participation**

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Optional working session on the draft good practice guide; workshop on global strategies for addressing gender equity

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10:00 am Working Session on the Draft Good Practice Guide on Advancing Women's Position in the Global Marketplace

**12:00 pm Lunch
Innovative Training Tools to Address Gender Equity - Interactive Theatre**

13:30 pm Workshop on Global Strategies for Addressing Gender Equity

Facilitated strategy session designed to create innovative approaches to realizing the full potential of women in the global marketplace

16:00 pm Close and Optional Reception