

Deep Dive: How can we influence gender-responsive policy for trade in services?, SOM 1, Feb 2023 (Palm Springs, US)

This deep dive asked the discussants to focus on providing concrete examples or realistic proposals towards influencing gender-responsive policy in trade in services. Three key aspects were considered:

- 1) Influencing – what would that entail (e.g., could it be done if not linked to laws or binding international agreements – APEC has made progress in many areas without having such “sticks”)?;
- 2) Identifying what a gender responsive policy is. Is there an agreement (or could there be) about the main elements of such policy? Could it be subsumed in human rights or labour policies, why or why not?; and
- 3) Why is cross-economy and cross-fora collaboration (and cooperation?) desirable/necessary?

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