



Investing in Working Parents Pays Off: Lessons from the Nordics

A high-level side-event hosted by the Nordic Council of Ministers on the margins of the OECD Social Policy Forum in Montréal, Canada



Time:

13:30-14:15

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Place:

Soprano A/B

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Montréal, Canada

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Forum, "Social Policy for
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In the Nordic region 72% of women work – well above the OECD average at 59%. The Nordic Prime Ministers' flagship **The Nordic Gender Effect at Work** looks behind the numbers. Thus this flagship will be convening a high-level panel to discuss how gender equality investments are key to social and economic prosperity. The side-event will also launch a new Nordic-OECD report "*Is the Last Mile the Longest?*" showing how much women in the workforce have contributed to Nordic economic growth.

Join us when the panel discusses the potential of social policy and gender equality as drivers of economic growth and shared prosperity.

Recently Nordic approaches to engage women and men on equal terms in the labor market have gained interest the world over. The panel will share lessons from the Nordic region, and beyond about the gains of investing in working parents, and in gender equality at work, for instance through childcare, elderly care and parental leave.

The side-event is convened by the **Nordic Council of Ministers** and the **OECD**, hosted by the Swedish Minister for Health and Social Affairs.

Panel

Ms. Annika Strandhäll, Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD

Ms. Kelly Regan, Minister of Community Services, Nova Scotia, Canada

Ms. Helle Bank Jorgensen, President, Global Compact Network Canada; CEO, B.Accountability

Mr. David Arellano Cuan, Undersecretary of Social Welfare, Mexico

The panel is moderated by Ms. Femi Oke, international journalist

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