

**REMARKS FROM
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RING THE BELL FOR GENDER EQUALITY
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Salutations:

Chairperson, specially invited guests, pleasant afternoon. I am delighted to bring remarks on this occasion. I wish to commend the International Labour Organization, European Union and UN Women for selecting Jamaica as a participating country in this programme.

Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls are essential requirements for attaining sustainable development. It is also a precondition for, and indicator of, a people-centred approach.

The evidence is clear that women must be an equal part of the talent pool in order to recognize their full potential. That is critical to ensure that our women and girls have an equal place in businesses across Jamaica.

As Minister of Gender, I look forward to the achievements of the Win-Win Programme as a chief contributor to the economic empowerment of women.

It gives me great pleasure to now Ring the Bell for Gender Equality.

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