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## **Reducing Institutional and Cultural Barriers for Young Women's Entrepreneurship**

The EU envisages a world where the rights of girls and women are claimed, valued and respected by all, and where everyone is able to fulfil their potential and contribute to a more fair and just society.

The second EU Gender Action Plan (GAP II) for the period 2016-2020 focuses on shifting institutional culture, advancing girls' and women's physical and psychological integrity, their economic and social rights, and their voice and participation in order to end gender discrimination.

Women's participation in the economy, a key factor for advancing the pivotal areas in GAP II, is essential for sustainable development and economic growth. Gender equality and the empowerment of girls and women is not just a human rights issue, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.

In supporting Nigeria to establish a more enabling environment for the fulfilment of girls' and women's rights and to achieve real and tangible improvements in gender equality, the **European Union Delegation to Nigeria** is organising a one-day seminar on **Reducing Institutional and Cultural Barriers for Young Women's Entrepreneurship**.

This event is scheduled to take place at the Eko Hotels and Suites in Lagos on June 15, 2017, at 9.00 a.m.

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For further information on EU Delegation projects in Nigeria, please see:

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