

Meg Jones
Chief, Economic Empowerment
UN Women

Meg is Chief Economic Empowerment at UN Women, responsible for a global team focused on job creation and income generation for women through, inter alia, engendering macro-economic policy, strengthening economic institutions and developing private and public sector partnerships to deliver inclusive sustainable development. 2008 - 2015 Meg was Women and Trade Programme Manager at the International Trade Centre (a joint agency of the United Nations and WTO), responsible for the design and implementation of the multi year, multi million dollar programme to increase the economic benefits women derive from trade. Meg works with women owned enterprise to connect them to corporate and government buyers; and with institutions and government to improve the business environment for women exporters. Raising 20m over 5 years, the programme has resulted in USD30m in sales and letters of intent thus far. She is the former Deputy Director of the Evian Group at IMD – a trade think tank. Meg has also worked for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights, prior to which she was on the Australian delegation to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. Meg brings with her private sector experience gained from working in the financial markets and in management consulting. Meg has sat on several boards including the Australia-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Women's International Network and the Organization of Women in International Trade. Meg was awarded 'Woman of the Year' in 2013 by the Organisation of Women in International Trade; and a 'World of Difference' award in 2012 by The International Alliance of Women for her contribution to women's economic empowerment. Meg holds a Master of International Studies and a Bachelor of Economics having studied in Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Netherlands. She speaks English, French and Japanese.