

In Brief

The World Bank Group will launch an Adolescent Girls Initiative on October 10 with the participation of President Robert B. Zoellick, Nobel Laureate Michael Spence and Nike CEO Mark Parker. Other invitees include Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. This public-private partnership aims to economically empower girls and young women. Three studies on young women and employment will be released in October prior to the launch. For more information, go to www.worldbank.org/gender.

A capacity-building workshop on gender and infrastructure, co-sponsored by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, will take place in Manila, Philippines, in November 2008. Fifteen case studies will be presented. For more information, contact dlallament@worldbank.org or kmedlin@worldbank.org.

“Equality for Women: Where Do We stand” will be launched on September 24. This new World Bank and OECD publication takes stock of progress on the MDG3, identifies the most important gaps and proposes a way forward. The launch is co-hosted by the International Center for Research on Women at their Washington DC headquarters, with a panel discussion on gender and development. For more information, contact abrunais@worldbank.org.

Global Entrepreneurship Week, an initiative that encourages young people to explore their entrepreneurial potential, will take place November 17-23 with events in over 65 countries. With support from the GAP, special events will be dedicated to women's entrepreneurship. For more information, contact jferreira@unleashingideas.org.