

# Fostering Women's Agency and Voice



**“Priorities for policy action include...shrinking gender differences in voice and agency within households and societies”**

*World Development Report 2012: Gender and Development*



The World Bank is undertaking a major study investigating key expressions of women's voice and agency – including: ***freedom from gender based violence; women's access to and control over land; voice in society and political participation; freedom of movement; and decision making around family formation.***

The discussion will provide a forum to review emerging findings, discuss lessons and challenges; identify good practices and successful interventions – both what works and what does not; and to help identify key partners in moving this work forward – to inform an upcoming global report.

Friday November 22, 2013  
9.30am – 11am  
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255 London Circuit, DFAT

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*About the presenter:* Jeni Klugman is the lead spokesperson on gender equality issues at the World Bank, and is responsible for developing strategic directions to support the institution's gender and development priorities. She also serves on several advisory boards, including those related to the World Economic Forum, the Council on Foreign Relations, Plan International, International Civil Society Network, the Broadband Commission, and a European Union research program on GDP and beyond. Prior to taking up this position in August 2011, she was the director and lead author of three global Human Development Reports published by the United Nations Development Programme: on *Mobility* (2009); *The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development* (2010); and *Sustainability and Equity* (2011). Jeni has published widely on topics ranging from poverty reduction strategies and labor markets to conflict, health reform, education and decentralization. In addition to degrees from the University of Sydney in Economics and in Law, she holds a Ph.D. in Economics from ANU, as well as postgraduate degrees in both Law and Development Economics from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar.