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IIM-Ahmedabad to host the GEDI Dialogue on June 14, 2009

IIMA, June 12, 2009: The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) will be hosting the **Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity (GEDI) Dialogue on Sunday, June 14, 2009**. The United Nations Development Programme, India, is the knowledge partner for the event.

Prof. Samir Barua, Director, IIMA will deliver the inaugural address during the inaugural session which is scheduled at 9.30 am at the Conference Hall, KLMDC, IIMA, Main Campus. Representatives from the government, members of non-governmental organizations, corporate and academics will participate in the seminar, which aims at addressing gender issues from the perspective of four key players in the domain: government, NGOs, corporate and academia. **The one-day seminar will begin with short presentations by a panel comprising four speakers: Mallika Sarabhai (Activist); Srimathi Shivashankar (Principal Diversity Officer, Infosys); Sunaina Tomar (Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Government of Gujarat); and Anil Gupta (Professor, IIMA).** The presentations will be followed by breakout groups in which discussions on experiences will lead to proposals on the way forward.

The Seminar will address the following areas:

- * Recession and its impact on gender issues
- * Women entrepreneurship
- * Gender responsive budgeting
- * Work environment
- * Social networking
- * CSR and gender
- * Health and gender
- * Education and gender
- * Gender policies, legal aspects and environment in relation to human development

The dialogue is distinct in nature as it is based on discussions of real life experiences and attempts to posit issues and propose processes for handling the same.

Substantial work on gender issues has been done by different stakeholders. While the focus for each has been different, there is a thread of commonality which strings together efforts across domains: the need to amend, change, and fortify existing policies, procedures and processes. It is with this goal in mind that participants will bring their findings and experiences to the table at The GEDI Dialogue.

The GEDI concept of gender includes both men and women. At the seminar, we will thus have both male and female participants sharing knowledge, arriving at a common understanding of “gender issues” and preparing a road map for addressing gender issues at the societal and corporate level.

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Events Knowledge Partner: United Nations Development Programme, India



The GEDI Dialogue

14th June 2009

AGENDA	Venue (KLMDC, Old Campus)	
Time		
8.30 to 9.30 am	Registration	KLMDC, Reception
9.30 am to 10.00 am		Conference Hall, KLMDC
	Welcome Speech	Prof. Smeeta Mishra
	Inaugural Speech	Prof. Samir Barua, Director, IIMA
	Programme Overview	Prof. Asha Kaul
10.00 am to 11.00 am	Talk by Panelists	Conference Hall, KLMDC
Introduction of the speakers		Prof. Smeeta Mishra
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. Anil Gupta, Professor, IIMA2. Ms. Srimathi Shivashankar, Principal Diversity Officer, Infosys3. Ms Sunaina Tomar, Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Government of Gujarat4. Ms Mallika Sarabhai, Activist
Vote of Thanks		Prof. Smeeta Mishra
Briefing on the breakout groups (organization and conduct)		Prof. Asha Kaul

11.00 am to 11.15 am	Tea/Coffee Break		
11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Breakout Groups (Discussions and Structuring of Presentations)		Syndicate Rooms 1, 4, 5-11
1.30 pm to 2.15 pm	Working Lunch		
2.15 pm to 3.30 pm	Thematic Presentations: 01 to 05		Conference Hall, KLMDC
3.30 pm to 3.45 pm	Tea/Coffee Break		
3.45 pm to 5.15 pm	Thematic Presentations: 06 to 09		Conference Hall, KLMDC
5. 15 pm to 5:45 pm	Discussion and Wrap Up		Conference Hall, KLMDC
5. 45 pm to 6.00 pm	Distribution of certificates (Dean)		Conference Hall, KLMDC
6.00 pm to 6:15 pm	Closing Ceremony and Plans for the Future		Conference Hall, KLMDC

Discussions in Syndicate Rooms

Sr no.	Theme	Time*	Session Chair and Academic Associate (AA)	Venue
1	CSR and Gender	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Prof. Rekha Jain, AA: Priyanka Srivastava	Syndicate Room, 07, KLMDC
2	Education and Gender	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Prof. Manjari Singh, AA: Prathyaksha Janardana	Syndicate Room, 11, KLMDC
3	Gender Responsive Budgeting	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Ms. Swapna Bist-Joshi, AA: Darshna Padia	Syndicate Room, 10, KLMDC
4	Gender policies, Legal Aspects and Environment in Relation to Human Development	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Prof. Ajit Mathur, Jitendra Pandey	Syndicate Room, 05, KLMDC
5	Health and Gender	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Prof. Dileep Mavalankar, AA: Rasika Gaikwad	Syndicate Room, 09, KLMDC
6	Recession and its impact on Gender Issues	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Prof. Rakesh Basant AA: Niva Bhandari	Syndicate Room, 01, KLMDC
7	Social Networking	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Prof. Neharika Vora, AA: Kumar Mukul	Syndicate Room, 06, KLMDC
8	Women Entrepreneurship	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Prof. Anil Gupta, AA: Sheel Nidhi Pandey	Syndicate Room, 08, KLMDC
9	Work Environment	11.15 am to 1.30 pm	Ms. Jatinder Peters, AA: Mrunal Chavda,	Syndicate Room, 04, KLMDC

*All the Discussions would run parallel. (Venue: Syndicate Rooms No. 1 and 4, 5 -11.)