

US, OECD stress importance of women's contribution to world economy, ahead of G-20 summit

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PARIS — The United States' mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has stressed the importance of women's contribution to the global Economy at a conference jointly organized by the mission and the OECD.

USAID, the U.S. international aid program, has unveiled pilot programs to help women become entrepreneurs in small- and medium-sized Businesses.

A statement quoted USAID's chief economist, Steve Radelet, as saying that "supporting women's entrepreneurship is important for economic transformation and broad-based growth."

Monday's event came as the world's leading economic powers gear up for the G-20 Summit in Cannes, France, at the end of the week.

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