

**CSW61 Multi- Stakeholders Forum**  
**Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work**

**Panel discussion – Panel 2**

Strengthening women's leadership and participation in the changing world of work  
Monday, 30 January, 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Remarks from Her Excellency Ms. Sima Sami Bahous**  
**Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations**

Her Excellency Ms. Sima Sami Bahous remarks were in direct response to the moderator's questions, the main points she covered were:

- Highlighted leadership of Their Majesties King Abdullah II and Queen Rania in empowering women.
- Jordan constitution ensures equality for all, including women.
- Women representation in Parliament increased from 12% to 15.4%, this is steady progress in the right direction.
- Women judges are at 18% and they occupy various positions within the judiciary.
- Need to understand relationship between poverty and violent extremism, and the important role women play.
- Said that Education is key; both access and quality of education.
- Emphasized that refugees cannot be left behind, and highlighted some of the programs and challenges in Jordan.
- Committed to upholding parity at the work place.