**Side Event Proposal: Inspiring Economic Empowerment for Women through Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)**

**Event Title: Women Breaking Barriers: A Journey of Economic Empowerment Through Innovation**

**Organizer: Kinnaird College for Women**

Overview: Kinnaird College for Women is proud to propose in hosting a side event focusing on the theme "Economic Empowerment Through Innovation." This event aims to shed light on how Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) can serve as a catalyst for creating sustainable livelihoods and economic opportunities for women. The session will feature inspirational success stories of women entrepreneurs who have excelled in the fields of science and technology, breaking barriers and paving the way for others.

**Agenda:**

**Opening Remarks (15 minutes):**

Welcome and introduction to the theme of economic empowerment through STI.

Highlighting Kinnaird College's commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among women.

**Keynote Address: Women Entrepreneurs in STI:**

Presentation by a prominent woman entrepreneur who has made significant contributions to the field of science and technology. Insights into her journey, challenges faced, and lessons learned.

**Panel Discussion**: **Success Stories and Strategies; Women Transforming Industries through STI.**

Panelists share their success stories in various sectors of science and technology.

Discussing how they overcame challenges and contributed to industry innovation.

Q&A and networking opportunities for participants to connect with innovators.

**Target Audience:**

Students, faculty, and researchers interested in entrepreneurship and innovation and participants of Social Forum. Aspiring women entrepreneurs in science and technology, Professionals from the business and technology sectors.

**Expected Outcomes:**

·      Inspiration for women to pursue careers and entrepreneurship in science and technology.

·      Knowledge sharing on successful strategies and best practices for economic empowerment.

·      Building a network of support for women in STI fields.

This side event aligns with Kinnaird College's mission to empower women through education and innovation. It contributes to the broader theme of leveraging STI for human rights by showcasing practical examples of how it can positively impact women's economic empowerment.