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Foreword

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation – Women Leaders' Network (APEC-WLN) 2000 Meeting was hosted by Brunei Darussalam from 17 to 20 June 2000. The Council of Women of Brunei Darussalam was honoured and privileged to organise the event in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources.

The WLN 2000 Meeting brought together the collective expertise and ideas of approximately 300 women leaders from the APEC economies who represented various businesses, the academia, and government as well as non-government organisations, with the intention of furthering WLN goals and SME development.

As such, this year's meeting was a dynamic forum in which issues relating to women in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) were discussed. This year's meeting also provided participants with the opportunity to put forward recommendations to APEC Ministers responsible for SMEs on ways to improve the business climate in which women entrepreneurs operate. In addition, participants at the WLN 2000 Meeting also had the opportunity to network, business match and explore new business opportunities.

Finally, the APEC-WLN 2000 Meeting owes its success to the delegates and the organising committee, as well as to the support and generosity of all its sponsors and donors.

I am therefore delighted that so many of you had joined us in Brunei Darussalam for a productive meeting, the results of which are found in this book.

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