

Ringling Bell for Gender Equality Stock Exchange Conference

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On the Ninth of March 2017 Amman Stock Exchange(ASE), hosted the Third Annual Celebration of the Gender Equality Initiative in Jordan "2017 Ringing Bell for Gender Equality Stock Exchange Initiative" which was organized by the ASE in cooperation with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), throughout ringing the bell for starting the trading session at the ASE coincide with the celebration of Women's International Day in the presence of the CEO of the ASE Mr. Nader Azar, Dr. Yahya alHusseini Corporate Governance Officer International Finance Corporation in Jordan (IFC), Mr. Ziad Al- Shaikh Representative , UN women, and and Ms. Oraib Qabbaj, Chief Operations Officer, Jordan Institute of Directors (JIOD), and a number of Business Women and the public figures interested in SSE Principles and Gender equality , and representatives of brokerage firms , Public Shareholding Companies and capital market institutions.

Mr. Azar declared that hosting this celebration comes in the belief of raising awareness in gender equality in sustainable development and economic activity. This Initiative also aims at raising awareness of the importance of promoting gender equality in the private sector as well as encouraging business leaders around the world to make serious steps to empower women in the work place and society.

Also stressed on the ASE interest in empowering women in carrying a leading duties in the Jordanian capital market, where the ASE believes of the important role of women in promoting economic activity and participation in labor market and in its ability to development and creativity. Accordingly, the percentage of women's contribution in the human force in the ASE has risen from 15% since establishing the ASE in 1999 reaching more than 48% recently. Also, women occupied more than 28% of the leadership positions in the executive management of the ASE

During the ceremony, two important panels have been held regarding the importance of empowering women in participation in economic activities and obstacles facing them, in addition to a presentation prepared by the ASE entitled "Developments at the ASE - Opportunities and Challenges. Where they reviewed the legislative, quantities and the technical developments witnessed by the ASE in recent years and the challenges facing the securities industry and the role of capital market institutions to prepare an attractive environment for investment, especially in light of the national economy's openness to foreign investment

It is worth mentioning, that this initiative is an important international event adopted by a group of global parties in the field of financial markets, namely:

UN Global Compact, UN women, Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative, World Federation of

Exchanges ? Women in ETFs, and it is launch in various countries around the world to celebrate International Women's Day.