



**Press Release**  
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**British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar Launches Professional Women's Network at 'Women in Leadership' event**

Visiting VIP guest speaker, Dr Lena Wilson CBE, CEO, Scottish Enterprise, launched the British Chamber's Professional Women's Network (PWN) at a high profile event hosted by the British Chamber today.

Dr Wilson, one of Scotland's most influential women and business leaders, shared her insights into the benefits of full participation of women in the global economy and the importance of ambition and education in breaking down barriers to ensure women are able to play their full part in their country's economic future. During her address she drew on experiences from her own leadership journey over her 25 year career, including her current roles as both a CEO of a large multinational public sector organisation and a board member of a FTSE 100 company.

The PWN will provide a platform for women's voices in the Myanmar business community, with the objective of:

- Building effective and supportive business networks
- Professional skill and personal development
- Exchanging ideas, knowledge and experience

Regular business-focused events will be held, giving women working in Myanmar the opportunity to hear from professionals and experts in diverse fields.

Dr Lena Wilson CBE, CEO, Scottish Enterprise said: "Having experienced first-hand the power of women's business networks, I have every confidence that Myanmar's female business leaders will benefit greatly from this new Professional Women's Network. Myanmar is embarking on an exciting journey of economic growth and women have a vital role to play in realising the region's economic potential. This network offers provides a platform for women to grow that role and participate even more."

**Notes to Editors**

**Dr Lena Wilson CBE, CEO, Scottish Enterprise**

Lena Wilson is one of Scotland's most influential women and a global business ambassador, who has served as a senior advisor to the World Bank on private sector development for emerging markets, working in 40 countries around the world. She delivered a keynote speech at both the Inaugural Women's Forum and the Business Forum of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in Malta in November 2015.

**British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar**

The British Chamber has 190 member companies, including leading Myanmar, British, ASEAN and European businesses. The Chamber provides regular networking opportunities for the business community, up to date and relevant information on doing business in Myanmar and advice for market entrants navigating the challenges of establishing a business in Myanmar. The Chamber also promotes opportunities Myanmar to UK companies, encouraging British trade and investment in Myanmar.

Further details on membership can website: [www.britishchambermyanmar.com](http://www.britishchambermyanmar.com)

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