

The LEDA of the Southern Province in Sri Lanka exchange experiences with the Services Centers for Women Entrepreneurship of Central America



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The Local Economic Development Agency RUEDA of the Southern Province in Sri Lanka has found particularly interesting the experience of the Services Centers for Women Entrepreneurship (CSEM) developed in Central America and promoted by IDEASS. For this reason, it has recently established a contact with the Central American Training School for Local Economic Development Agencies and Services Centers for Women Entrepreneurship (ECCA), based in El Salvador, in order to obtain more information about this experience.

RUEDA is a Local Economic Development Agency aimed at pursuing the integrated, sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development of the territory of the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. At the moment RUEDA is supporting women community level enterprises for local economic development to get organized as federations. Also, through their technical office, they are supporting women entrepreneurs with several

services such as market linkages, technology transfer, product development, financial support through credit programmes and so on.

In order to continue this important effort, RUEDA would like to establish a CSEM unit to support the women groups through a one-stop centre.

After a preliminary information exchange about different CSEM experiences in four Central America countries, RUEDA is now keen to obtain complete technical assistance from ECCA in order to support the whole process of establishing a CSEM Unit in its territory.

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