

Social and legal discrimination against women remains a major obstacle to economic and social development in emerging and developing countries, according to the latest edition of OECD's Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) launched on May 10th, 2012. Though women's rights are improving in a number of countries, in others women are still barred from fully contributing to social and economic life.

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