

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry

RCCI Standing Committee Meeting on

Women Entrepreneur

Venue: Khalid Waheed Conference Hall

Time: 02:30pm

Date: 12th December, 2013

Chairperson: Mrs. Farah Jawaid

Vice Chairperson: Mrs. Sadia Aftab

Minutes Recorded by: Amara Saleem R&D Officer

S. No	Points Of Discussion
	The meeting was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran.
1.	<p>The Chairperson Mrs. Farah Jawaid started the meeting with the word of thanks to all participants and elaborated the importance of standing committee in chamber. She further highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCCI is a strong business platform from where women can enhance their business professionally & get all the assistance they need. • Awareness and Trainings programs are arranged to uplift businesses. • She emphasized that all ladies should join hands and work together as a team. • Chairperson focused the members of the committee to attend other standing committee meetings as this will help them to build networking. • She suggested RCCI to arrange: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meena Bazar for women entrepreneurs where they can display and sell their products. ➤ Exposure Trips (National & International Level of Fairs & Exhibitions) • Women's participation in this committee is very remarkable and she further persuaded them to actively participate in every meeting & bring suggestions. • Women Entrepreneurs should be given a one page in Monthly Business Vision, where they can advertise about their businesses. • A separate link to website of RCCI is required for solely women entrepreneur activity.
2.	All participants at the meeting introduce themselves and their fields of businesses.
3.	<p>Sh. Muhammad Shabbir Group Leader RCCI acknowledged Chairperson and all members of women entrepreneurs. He highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He mentioned that RCCI will always be there to facilitate the women entrepreneurs. • Many avenues will be opened according to the interests of the women entrepreneurs. • He was impressed that Women entrepreneurs who attended the meeting were from diversified businesses. • Group Leader Sh. Shabbir encouraged the all participants in the meeting to become member of RCCI. They will have exposure to introduce themselves at international level as RCCI Member.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitation Office of SMEDA is provided within the RCCI premises.
4.	<p>Former Executive Committee Member Ms. Tehmina Amjad highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She requested Vice President that Women entrepreneurs should be given the opportunity to have a separate facilitation desk at RCCI. To obtain exclusive women entrepreneurs list in membership directory.
5.	<p>Presentation on women entrepreneur was delivered by Ms. Amara Saleem R & D Officer, R & D department.</p>
6.	<p>Vice President Mr. Muhammad Alam Chughtai Emphasized on the empowerment of women entrepreneurs. He Further added that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCCI wants women entrepreneurs to increase their number in membership. RCCI facilitates women entrepreneurs even at membership fees of the renewal. VP affirmed that women entrepreneurs to attend all meetings so that their interaction is increased and a way to their problems solutions are discovered. He assured that RCCI will facilitate women entrepreneurs by arranging seminars, providing training and guidance to exhibit their products in international market.
7.	<p>Ch. Iqbal Former SVP, RCCI acknowledged Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and all participants for attending the standing committee meeting on women entrepreneur.</p>
8.	<p>Mr. Badar Haroon Executive Committee Member highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He proposed that a joint session of National Bank, SMEDA and women entrepreneurs should be arranged for their facilitation. He acknowledged all participants of women entrepreneurs.
9.	<p>At the end, Vice Chairperson of Standing committee on women entrepreneur Ms. Sadia Aftab thanked all the participants and meeting was adjourned with the vote of thanks.</p>