

## **ORBITA**

### **Connecting Female Entrepreneurs Around the Globe**

Orbita is an exciting new initiative which aims to bring together organizations and female entrepreneurs across the globe. The programme will be developed in three phases. During the first phase (2008-2009), Orbita's international partners will form a taskforce which will develop the overall strategy for the programme and will include study visits amongst partner countries to learn more about current provision and enabling structures for women entrepreneurs. The second phase (2009-2010) will feature local/global pilot projects to facilitate female entrepreneurs to collaborate and trade globally. The third phase (2010-2011) will consolidate initiatives and will launch the e-platform for female entrepreneurs which will contain both a trading arm and a flexible learning academy.

Orbita will give exposure to local female entrepreneurs within the partner countries and will become a strong international voice for the promotion of and harnessing the potential of female entrepreneurship across the globe.

"We welcome the opportunity to work with so many inspirational women entrepreneurs and are looking forward to combining forces to create a global programme that will bring together best practice in female entrepreneurship as well as practically linking up women entrepreneurs across the world" said Dr Patrice Braun, Deputy Director, Centre for Regional Innovation & Competitiveness, University of Ballarat, Australia.

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