



Side event 21 March 2012, 6:15 PM, United Nations, North Lawn Building, Conference Room 7

Sustainable Development Goals and post 2015 development agenda: **The Gender Dimension**

How will Rio+20 contribute to the discussion on gender equality and women's rights in the development agenda after 2015? This side event will exchange views on if and how the SDGs can be useful for achieving interlinked goals of gender equality, economic and ecological justice. What lessons can we draw from the experience in implementing the MDGs. Different views on the limitations and possibilities of such indicators, targets and goals in measuring and addressing gender and other disparities will be discussed.

Programme

6:15 Opening: **Dessima Williams**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Grenada

6:20 Welcome and introduction: **Saraswathi Menon**, UN-Women Director for Policy - Gender perspectives in the post 2015 development agenda and the SDGs

6:25 **Usman Iftikhar**, UNDP Policy Advisor - Lessons learned in the implementation of the MDGs at the country level

6:30 **Anita Nayar**, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) and Women's Major Group - Perspectives from the Women's Major Group

6:35 **Ximena Andión-Ibañez**, Information Group on Reproductive Choice (GIRE) and Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice (RESURJ), Mexico - What we missed and where we're going: securing women's reproductive health.

6:40 **Andrea Ries**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Switzerland – perspectives on development of the post 2015 process and the gender dimension in future goals.

6:45 **Marcia Machagata**, Ministry of Social Affairs and Combating Hunger, Brazil – lessons from the Brazilian experience

6:50 **Lize McCourt**, Chief Operating Officer - Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa, lessons from gender equality mainstreaming in MDG implementation

7:00 – 7:45 **Discussion** moderated by Ambassador Dessima Williams, Grenada

Possible contributions: Government representatives of Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France...