



**Interactive Expert Panel on the priority theme: Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls**

**The role of rural women's land rights and land tenure security in reaching the SDGs**

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**BIOGRAPHIES OF PANELISTS**

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Ambassador Naela Gabr Mohamed Gabr is a Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) who served as the Chair of the Working Group on drafting of General Recommendation 34 on the Rights of Rural Women. Ambassador Gabr is an elected Member in the OIC Women Consultative Council and has previously served in various capacities including the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN Office in Geneva, Ambassador of Egypt to the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Botswana and the Kingdom of Lesotho, as well as Deputy Assistant Minister for Human Rights in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt.

**Rea Abada Chiongson**



Rea Abada Chiongson is a lawyer and Senior Legal Advisor on Gender for the International Development Law Organization. Ms. Chiongson has over 20 years of experience working on justice, governance, gender and development issues and is a recognized expert on CEDAW and other international standards on gender equality and human rights, and their implementation at the national level. Previously, she worked as the Gender and Justice Advisor at the World Bank's Justice Reform Practice Group and World Bank Institute's gender and fragility program. She has advised various multilateral agencies, governments, legislatures and judicial authorities as well as civil society organizations across various regions on integrating gender across a wide range of development concerns.

## Robert Peter Ndugwa



Robert P. Ndugwa is the Head of the Global Urban Observatory Unit (Data and Statistics unit) in the Research and Capacity Development Branch at the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). He is primarily responsible for the agency's global urban monitoring and reporting on SDGs as well as the New Urban Agenda. Prior to joining UN-Habitat, Mr. Ndugwa worked with UNICEF as the lead on Research, Evaluation and Statistics in Kenya and has worked with various academic and international organizations including the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine-UK, University of Heidelberg-Germany, African Population and Health Research Center, Kenya, University of Natal-South

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## Tzili Mor



An international legal expert focused on human rights, gender justice, legal empowerment, and social change strategies, Ms. Mor currently serves on the Board of the International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law. Previously, she directed the Landesa Center for Women's Land Rights, and co-led Georgetown Law School's International Women's Human Rights Clinic. She spearheaded human rights initiatives for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, and coordinated Amnesty International's human rights defenders program. Her recently authored report, [Women's land rights as potential accelerator of twin efforts to reach land degradation neutrality and achieve gender equality](#), and will be presented at the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference in March 2018.

## Yolanda Teran Maigua



Dr. Yolanda Terán Maigua is a Kiwcha scholar and activist from Ecuador and currently serves as the Coordinator of Education and Culture at the Indigenous Women's Network on Biodiversity from Latin America and the Caribbean. She is a Research Scientist of Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico, where her research focuses on Indigenous Peoples, Languages and Biodiversity. Since 1994 Dr. Terán has been an Indigenous representative for Latin America and the Caribbean before the United Nations. Her goal is to create awareness about international issues that are affecting Indigenous Peoples lives and rights helping to build a bridge between the community and academia based on mutual respect and understanding.