

Panel 2

Accountability and participation of women and girls in the implementation of the MDGs

Wednesday, 12 March 2014, 3 - 6 p.m.

Panellists

H.E. Ms. Lourdes Bandeira is Vice-Minister of the Secretariat of Women Policies of the Presidency of the Federal Republic of Brazil, since March 2012. An academic who holds a permanent professorship at the Sociology Department at the Federal University of Brasilia, she is the author of several publications on sociology, with a focus on cultural and urban sociology, in particular conflict and violence in gender relations; women, body and sexuality; and gender public policies from a critical feminist perspective. She is a lecturer and researcher at the Brazilian Council for Scientific Research, and was a coordinator for the Nucleus on Women Research and Studies at the University of Brasilia. She previously served in the Federal Government, from 2008 to 2011. Ms. Bandeira holds a Masters Degree in Sociology; a Ph.D. in Anthropology; and a Post-Doctoral degree in Conflict Sociology.

H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet has been the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia since 2005. He was previously the Minister of Culture and served as the elder of the Tallinn city district of Nõmme. Mr. Paet has been active in various international forums on gender equality and women's rights including the Commission on the Status of Women, Human Rights Council gender debates, and events on Security Council Resolution 1325. He has worked to considerably increase Estonian development funds for the empowerment of women and gender equality. In November 2013, Mr. Paet was nominated the Ambassador of the White Ribbon campaign promoted by the European Institute for Gender Equality, the world's largest initiative involving men in combating violence against women.

Ms. Carolyn Sobritchea is a Professorial Lecturer at the Asian Center of the University of the Philippines, Diliman. Her research expands a broad range of topics concerning women's issues and gender equality, including the MDGs, domestic violence, reproductive health rights, migration and mobility, women and climate change, and women's role in peace keeping. Her research work has contributed to the formulation of national and local laws and policies that protect women from abuses and promote their economic and political status. Previously, Ms. Sobritchea served as the Dean of the University's Asian Center as well as the Director of the University's Center for Women's Studies. She holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of the Philippines.

Ms. Salina Sanou is the Head of Policy and Advocacy at the Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development, a non-governmental organization working in 18 countries in Africa to promote social justice and sustainable development. She has more than 15 years of experience in women's rights advocacy, research and project management. Her expertise includes education and gender-based violence with a particular focus on women in conflict. Most recently, she has

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been working to make the voices of women and girls heard in various processes leading up to the formulation of post-2015 development agenda.

Ms. Maarit Kohonen Sheriff is the Deputy Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Kohonen Sheriff has worked for the United Nations since 1992, serving in Geneva, New York, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Uganda, Guyana, Central African Republic and Cameroon, in various capacities with OHCHR, UNDP, UN Women and DPKO. She was the Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights for three years in Uganda, the Chief of the Human Rights, Economic and Social Issues Section in OHCHR Geneva, and most recently from 2009 to 2012, the High Commissioner's Regional Representative for Central Africa, based in Cameroon. Ms. Kohonen Sheriff holds an M.Phil. in International Relations from Cambridge University, United Kingdom.