

Panel 3

Women's access to productive resources

Thursday, 13 March 2014, 3-6 p.m.

Panellists

Ms. Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona has been the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights since 2008. She is also Visiting Fellow at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). Previously, she was Research Director at the International Council on Human Rights Policy in Geneva; a researcher at the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights; a staff attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; and the Co-Director of the Department of International Law and Human Rights at the UN-mandated University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica. Ms. Sepúlveda holds a Ph.D. in International Human Rights Law from Utrecht University and an LL.M in human rights law from the University of Essex. She has published widely on human rights, poverty and development.

Ms. Mariam Gabala Dao is the Regional Manager for West Africa at Oikocredit, which is a worldwide cooperative and social investor, providing funding to the microfinance sector, fair trade organizations, cooperatives and small to medium enterprises. Oikocredit is a global leader in expanding women's access to finance and credit, with women representing 84% of clients reached by its microfinance partners, with 56% percent of those in rural areas. Ms. Dao Gabala is a business school graduate from Côte d'Ivoire, France and Canada. She has over two decades of experience as a banker, working on promoting women's access to finance and credit.

Ms. Victoria Tauli Corpuz was the Chairperson of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education) based in Baguio City, Philippines. She is the Convenor of the Asian Indigenous Women's Network and the co-President of the International Forum on Globalization as well as the Indigenous and Gender Adviser of the Third World Network. She also holds at present the following positions, among others: member of the World Commission on the Social Dimensions of Globalization, Chairperson of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, Commissioner of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, and Chair of the World Summit on Sustainable Development Indigenous Peoples Caucus.

Mrs. Martha "Pati" Ruiz Corzo. Known as "Pati," she founded the Sierra Gorda Ecological Group with local citizens in 1987 and was named the first federal Director of the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve, Queretaro, from 1997 to 2010. Today she leads an alliance of five grassroots organizations to create regional opportunities in productive diversification for rural producers which include ecotourism, microenterprise, reforestations, soil restoration, ecological livestock management, and community environmental education to benefit rural communities. Her basket of ecosystem products includes over-the-counter carbon offset for the voluntary market that

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benefit hundreds of property owners. She is a 2013 Champion of the Earth UNEP, as well as Social Entrepreneur of Ashoka, The Schwab Foundation, and The Rolex Prize for Enterprise.