



Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls *The Road Ahead*

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

10:00 – 10:15AM

OPENING

Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

10:15 – 11:30AM

PANEL 1:

Setting the stage: challenges for
achieving the MDGs for women
and girls

MODERATOR:

H.E. Mr. George W. Talbot, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

H.E. Mr. Libran Cabactulan, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations
and Chair-designate of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

H.E. Ms. Maria Cristina Lopes Almeida Fontes Lima, Minister of Health, Cabo Verde

H.E. Ms. Karen Tan, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations

H.E. Ms. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the
United Nations

Mr. James Heintz, Research Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst

*Followed by discussion. Lead discussants include Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Iceland,
Nepal, Timor Leste.*

11:30AM – 1:00PM

PANEL 2:

Achieving gender equality and
women's empowerment through
a comprehensive approach
grounded in the Beijing Platform
for Action, the Convention on
the Elimination of All Forms of
Discrimination against Women
and the vision of the Millennium
Declaration — lessons learned

MODERATOR:

H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

H.E. Ms. Lulu Xingwana, Minister for Women, Children and People with Disabilities, South Africa

Ms. Radhika Balakrishnan, Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University

Mme. Nicole Ameline, Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The Hon. Julie Soso Akeke, MP, Eastern Highlands Governor, Papua New Guinea

*Followed by discussion. Lead discussants include Permanent Representatives of Solomon Islands,
Croatia, Turkey.*

Civil society representative

3:00PM – 4:30PM

PANEL 3:

A participatory approach to gender equality that champions women's voice, leadership and rights — lessons learned

MODERATOR:

[H.E. Mr. Paul Seger](#), Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

[H.E. Ms. Clara Makungwa](#), Minister of Gender, Children and Community Development, Malawi

[H.E. Ms. Reem Abu Hassan](#), Minister of Social Development, Jordan

[H.E. Ms. Pavena Hongsakula](#), Minister of Social Development and Human Security, Thailand

[H.E. Ms. Valentina Leskaj](#), MP, Parliamentary Committee on Education and Media, Albania

[Ms. Hazel Brown](#), Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago for the advancement of women

Followed by discussion. Lead discussants include Permanent Representatives of Qatar, Finland. Deputy Permanent Representatives of India, Italy.

Civil society representative

4:30PM – 6:00PM

PANEL 4:

Accelerating progress and investing in gender equality — lessons learned

MODERATOR:

[H.E. Mr. Stephan Tafrov](#), Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

[H.E. Ms. Kuni Sato](#), Ambassador for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Japan

[H.E. Ms. Lorena Cruz Sánchez](#), President, National Institute of Women (INMUJERES), México

[H.E. Mr. Geir O. Pedersen](#), Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

[Ms. Saidah Hashim](#), Director, Department of Statistics, Malaysia

[Ms. Cindy Clark](#), Acting Co-Executive Director, AWID

Followed by discussion. Lead discussants include Permanent Representatives of Netherlands, EU delegation.

Closing remarks for Day 1:

[Mr. John Hendra](#), Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

10:00AM – 11:30AM

PANEL 5:

“What do the MDGs mean to me?”
Voices of girls and women

MODERATOR:

[Ms. Rangita de Silva de Alwis](#), Global Women's Leadership Initiative (GWLI), Wilson Center, USA

PANELISTS:

[Christina](#), Working Group on Girls (WGG), USA

[Ms. Chamathya Fernando](#), World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Sri Lanka

[Ms. Tania Edith Pariona Tarqui](#), Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas de las Américas (ECMIA), Peru

[Ms. Manizha Naderi](#), Women for Afghan Women (WAW), Afghanistan

[Ms. Salina Sanou](#), ACORD International, Kenya

[Ms. Charlotte Bunch](#), UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group, USA

Followed by discussion

11:30AM – 1:00PM

PANEL 6:

Wrap-up/closing session
Implementing the Platform for Action and ensuring a transformative approach to the post-2015 development agenda: key actions and commitments towards CSW58 and beyond

MODERATOR:

[H.E. Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota](#), Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations

PANELISTS:

[Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka](#), Executive Director, UN Women

[H.E. Ms. Nestorine Sangaré Compaoré](#), Ministre de la Promotion de la Femme et du Genre, Burkina Faso

[H.E. Mr. Gérard Araud](#), Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Followed by discussion. Lead discussants include Permanent Representatives of Ireland, Denmark, Pakistan.

Civil society representative