



**Commission on the Status of Women  
Fifty-ninth session**

## **MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLES**

**Tuesday 10 March 2015  
10.00 am to 1.00 pm**

### **MODERATORS' BIOS**

#### **Ministerial round table A, 'Making the economy work for women and girls'**

**Ms. Elizabeth Tang** has championed women workers' rights for much of her professional life. She currently serves as General Secretary of the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF), based in Hong Kong, the first global union organization in the world run by women. This membership organization has 47 affiliates from 43 countries, and most of these are trade unions and others are associations and workers co-ops. Ms. Tang had been the International Coordinator for the Federation's predecessor entity, the International Domestic Workers Network, until 2013. Prior to that, she worked for 16 years at the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, where her last position was Chief Executive.

#### **Ministerial Roundtable B, 'Investing in Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women'**

**Ms. Amina Mohammed** was appointed Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning in July 2012 by the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. Ms. Mohammed brings to the position more than 30 years of experience as a development practitioner in the public and private sectors, as well as civil society. In the past, Ms. Mohammed served as the Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on the MDGs after serving three Presidents over a period of six years. Ms. Mohammed also served as coordinator of the Task Force on Gender and Education for the United Nations Millennium Project from 2002 to 2005

#### **Ministerial round table C 'Transforming politics and public life to achieve gender equality'**

**Dr. Aminata Toure** is a Senegalese politician who served as the Prime Minister of Senegal from September 2013 to July 2014, as the second woman Prime Minister of Senegal. She served as Senegal's Justice Minister from 2012 to 2013. Dr. Toure worked for 20 years in the United Nations system, where she championed women's rights. Having been involved in politics since her student years, Dr Toure left the UN in 2011 to return to politics in her home country and remains very active in promoting good governance. Dr. Touré trained as an economist in France and the United States.

#### **Ministerial round table D 'Accountability for realizing de facto equality for women and girls'**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Broderick** is the Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner of Australia since 2007. Mrs. Broderick has been a key advocate for Australia's national paid parental leave scheme, domestic violence reform and has also championed the changes to the Australian Securities Exchange Corporate Governance Principles to increase the number of women at decision making level. Mrs. Broderick is Global Co-Chair of the Women's Empowerment Principles Leadership Group, a joint initiative of the UN Global Compact and UN Women; a member of the World Bank's Advisory Council on Gender and Development; Partner Co-Director with NATO on Women Peace and Security.