



What Can We Do to Empower Rural Women in the Post-2015 Development Agenda?

Commemorating the 2014 International Day for Rural Women

13:15 – 14:45 hours, Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Conference Room 7, UN Headquarters

Invitation

From as early as the First World Conference on Women, held in Mexico in 1975, the situation of rural women and the problems they encounter have been discussed by the international community. The Beijing Platform for Action in 1995 also recognized the challenges related to underdevelopment that rural women are subjected to, which augment their poverty situation. Since that time, work has been undertaken by the global community to improve the status and recognize the contributions of rural women in all sectors of society. Yet, only limited progress has been made to achieve impact on the ground. To boost efforts to recognize the critical role and contribution of rural women, the International Day of Rural Women was established in 2009 and has been celebrated every year since then to reinvigorate international attention to rural women's issues.

In commemorating the Day, the United Nations – FAO, WFP, IFAD and UN Women – are organizing a Panel Discussion to strengthen the dialogue around and invoke action on addressing challenges of Rural Women across the world.

Panelists include H.E. Mr. Talayibek Kydyrov (Kyrgyzstan) (TBC) – Permanent Representative to the UN, a Representative of FAO, IFAD and WFP, Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women and A Representative from the World Farmers Organization (WFO). The discussion will be chaired by Ambassador Guillermo E. Rischynski (Canada) and moderated by Ambassador O. Enkhtsetseg (Mongolia).

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