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INVITATION

The Permanent Missions of Nigeria, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and UN Women are pleased to invite you to attend a side event during the 8th Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals on

Achieving Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment for Sustainable Development

Wednesday, 5th February 2014, 1:15 – 2:45pm
ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

Persisting gender inequalities are a major obstacle to poverty eradication and sustainable development. Gender inequality is the most pervasive form of inequality around the world and a pressing human rights concern. Inequalities between women and men exist in governance systems, the market, in families and households in all countries. A disproportionate number of women live in poverty, they face discrimination in their access to land and credit, they are overrepresented in vulnerable and insecure employment, gender wage gap persists, women do the majority of unpaid care work, violence against women and girls is a global phenomenon and women are still vastly underrepresented at all levels of political decision making.

Gender equality concerns all three dimensions of the post-2015 development framework, i.e. the social, the economic and the environmental dimension. To address root causes of discrimination against women and girls, a stand-alone goal on achieving gender equality and empowerment of women and girls as well as gender equality as a cross cutting issue with gender-specific targets and indicators in all other relevant development goals must be part of the post-2015 framework.

Speakers

- H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the UN
- H.E. Mr. Y. Halit Çevik, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the UN
- Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women
- Ms. Jeni Klugman, Director, Gender and Development, World Bank
- Ms. Anna Brandt, Ambassador and Coordinator for Post-2015 Development Agenda, Sweden
- Mr. Michael Gerber, Ambassador, Special Representative for Global Sustainable Development, Switzerland
- Prof. Gita Sen, DAWN (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era)

Moderator: Ms. Pamela Falk, President, U.N. Correspondents Association; CBS News TV & Radio

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