

Provisional Programme

High-Level Thematic Debate

Advancing Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls for a Transformative Post-2015 Development Agenda

6 March 2015, Trusteeship Council Chamber

Morning	
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">2015 Observance of International Women's Day</p> <p>UN Women Video presentation (3 minutes)</p> <p><u>Opening remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Sam K. Kutesa, President of the General Assembly • H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations <p><u>Statements by Heads of State or Government</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia • H.E. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, President of Croatia • H.E. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Prime Minister of Turkey <p><u>Special Guests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive-Director of UN Women • Ms. Sivananthi Thanenthiran, Executive Director, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW, Malaysia) • Miss Nohelia (Youth representative) <p><u>Keynote speaker</u> Rt. Hon. Michaëlle Jean, Secretary-General, La Francophonie and former Governor-General of Canada</p>
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><u>Interactive panel 1</u> Women's economic and political empowerment, including access to and control over economic and productive resources and active participation in governance and decision-making</p> <p>Chair: H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia (tbc) Opening remarks and introduction of the panellists</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, Speaker of Parliament of Uganda • Ms. Jane Stewart, Special Representative to the United Nations and Director, International Labour Organization • Dr. Naila Kabeer, Professor of Gender and Development at the Gender Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science • Ms. Aizhamal Bakashova, PA Shazet (rural women's civil society organization, Kyrgyzstan) • Dr. Patrick Ho, Deputy Chairman and Secretary-General, China Energy Fund Committee

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Afternoon	
3:00 p.m.- 5:45 p.m.	<p><u>Interactive panel 2</u> Access to quality education and skills development as tools for empowerment of women and girls</p> <p>Chair: H.E. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, President of Croatia Opening remarks and introduction of the panellists</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization • Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive-Director, United Nations Population Fund • Ms. Yoko Hayashi, Chair of the CEDAW Committee • Ms. Geeta Rao Gupta, Deputy Executive Director for Programmes, United Nations Children's Fund • Ms. Mariana Mancilla, Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud A.C., (Youth development organization, Mexico) <p>Interactive exchange between Chair and panellists (Q&A format)</p> <p>Chair will open the floor to delegations and other participants for 2-3 min. remarks/interventions</p>
5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<p><u>Closing session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Sam K. Kutesa, President of the General Assembly