



SAVE THE DATE: 10 MARCH 2010

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Panel Discussion on:

Women, Peace and Security:

Where are we now on Security Council Resolution (SCR) 1325?

10:00 A.M to 11:30 A.M

Conference Room: C

North Lawn Building, UN Secretariat, New York

The 2010 CSW is a venue for celebrating key events and related achievements – including commemoration of Beijing plus 15. This panel is thus designed to bring together policy-makers, UN representatives, women’s organizations and other development partners from countries that have developed National Action Plans (NAPs)/are in various stages of developing their Plans/and other allied mechanisms on SCR 1325, as well as on SCR 1820. It will explore what has been achieved so far in terms of development of women’s empowerment capacities in conflict prevention, early recovery, relief and peace building processes under these actionable mandates. Discussions from this event will help to develop awareness and inform the “way forward” on this issue of concern in preparation for the SCR 1325 10th anniversary celebrations.

The focus will be on the following key areas:

Has the participation of women in conflict prevention as well as in conflict resolution and sustaining peace efforts led to their empowerment and articulation of their issues in the policy arena? Who are the main actors involved? What accountability mechanisms (for instance, data collection, resources and development of indicators) are available to assess such empowerment capacities? Whether conflict-related sexual violence is being adequately addressed? What are some of the key obstacles and capacity challenges faced in this regard?

Key Panelists include:

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sexual Violence in Conflict, *Ms Margot Wallstrom*
Special Advisor on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, OSAGI/DESA, *Ms Rachel Mayanja*
The Sierra Leone Minister of Social Affairs, Gender and Women’s Affairs, *Mr. Soccoh Kabia*
The Coordinator of the Chilean Ministry of Foreign for the Implementation of SCR 1325, **/Mr. Juan Pablo Jara* (with an introduction) by H.E. Ambassador, Mr. Eduardo Galvez, Deputy Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations
Principal Gender Officer, Ugandan Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, *Mr. Mabuya Mubarak*
Nepal National Network for the Beijing Review, *Ms. Bandana Rana*