



Permanent Mission of Barbados
to the United Nations

NCDs: A Women's Health Priority

Panel Discussion

In conjunction with the Commission on the Status of Women

February 24, 2011, Conference Room B

North Lawn Building

9:45 - 11:15 AM

Breakfast served from 9:30-10:00 AM



Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are the main cause of death of women and men in the Americas. Yet men's and women's vulnerabilities to and outcomes of NCDs are very different. Many NCD statistics are not disaggregated by sex; thus, women are excluded from research on, and about, these diseases. When women cannot access effective NCD prevention and treatment, women suffer longer sickness that limits their economic opportunities. And, because women often serve as unpaid caretakers for the chronically ill, NCDs restrict women's access to remunerated employment.

Panelists will include:

Professor Trevor A. Hassell, Chairman, Healthy Caribbean Coalition and Barbados National Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases Commission to provide the Caribbean perspective

Dr. Aurora del Río, Director General, National Center for Gender Equity and Health, Mexico, presenting information on women in care taking roles and give the Latin American perspective

Dr. Vivian Pinn, Director, Women's Health, National Institute of Health/ Health and Human Services, to discuss women in the research, both as researchers and as subjects

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