

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), are co-hosting a panel at the 54th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

VISION FOR A BETTER WORLD: FROM ECONOMIC CRISIS TO EQUALITY



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Wednesday, March 3, 2010
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
United Nations North Lawn
Building, Conference Room C

Welcome Remarks:

Winnie Byanyima, Director,
UNDP Gender Team

Speakers:

Suzanne Clément, Coordinator/
Head of Agency, Status of
Women Canada

Representative of the Government
of Nicaragua (TBA)

Devaki Jain, Former Director,
Institute of Social Studies
Trust, India

Diane Elson, Professor of
Sociology, University of Essex,
United Kingdom

Closing Remarks:

Rawwida Baksh, Program Leader,
Women's Rights and Citizenship
Program, IDRC

Although much progress has been made since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 15 years ago, women's roles, values, and leadership in the global economy has neither been fully understood nor incorporated into policy.

The current global recession has revealed stark evidence of the gender-differentiated impact of the crisis, women's economic vulnerability, and the flaws in the valuation of their contributions. In the wake of the continuing fall-out from the financial crisis, many voices are calling for a drastic shift in the economic reasoning, measures, and triggers that define economic policy at the national, regional and international levels.

The panel will include presentations by members of the Casablanca group (www.casablanca-dream.net), a network of women thinkers and activists founded in 2007 to rethink and construct a new framework for ushering in a just global economy, and an economic program which will enable women to walk out of poverty.



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