

Global Conference

Women and Social Inclusion: From Beijing to Post-2015

May 6-8, 2015. Palacio San Martín, Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY 1

15:00-15:30 **Registration**

15:30-16:15 **Welcome remarks and setting the scene: From Beijing to Post-2015**

- 15:30-15:45 **Helen Clark**, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- 15:45-16:00 **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, Executive Director, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
- 16:00-16:15 **Alicia Kirchner**, Minister of Social Development of the Republic of Argentina. President of MOST-UNESCO Intergovernmental Council

16:15-16:30 **BREAK**

16:30-18:00 **Interactive discussion: Challenges and Experiences Promoting Women's Social Inclusion and Reducing Poverty**

This session will present key challenges and experiences addressing women's poverty and exclusion. It aims to provide a wide perspective of progress, challenges and policies and strategies since Beijing and provide a forward-looking perspective in the context of the post-2015 development agenda debates.

Moderator: **Helen Clark**, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

- **Joyce Banda**, Former President of Malawi and Founder of the Joyce Banda Foundation
- **Debora Giorgi**, Minister of Industry, Government of Argentina
- **Aisha Buhari**, Wife of President-Elect of Nigeria
- **Relinda Sosa**, President, CONAMOVIDI and Coordinator of GROOTS, Peru
- **Amelia Valcarcel**, Member of the Council of State, Spain

18:00-21:00 **Welcome Reception sponsored by the Government of Argentina, Palacio San Martin**

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DAY 2

9:00-11:00

Session 1 Ministerial Segment: Women and Social Development

This session will feature experiences from countries in addressing women's poverty and exclusion through social development policies and programmes. It will highlight successful interventions and policies with an emphasis on identifying challenges faced and factors that led to success.

Chair: **Alicia Kirchner**, Minister of Social Development, Argentina. President of MOST-UNESCO Intergovernmental Council

- **Claudia Pascual Grau**, Minister of Women and Gender Equality, Chile
- **Betty Tola**, Minister of Economic and Social Inclusion, Ecuador
- **Reem Abu Hassan**, Minister of Social Development, Jordan
- **Vanda Pignato**, Minister of Social Inclusion, El Salvador

11:00-11:15

BREAK

11:15-13:00

Session 2 Parallel Sessions: Women's employment, livelihoods and social policies: *These sessions will focus on women's opportunities to generate a decent income. They will also look at how women's roles in family and community place the burden of unpaid care work on them and prevent them from accessing finance and assets. The focus will also be on how social policies, including social protection, can help reduce these disparities.*

a. Employment and social policies

This session will focus on women's employment patterns, labour force participation, unemployment and wages, analyzing their differential access to decent work opportunities and policy options to increase their formal labour market participation. The session will also focus on the unpaid work burden of women and its impact on income generation and how social policies, including social protection, can help address it.

Chair: **Noemi Rial**, Deputy Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Argentina.

- **Jenny Schreiner**, Director General, Department of Economic Development, South Africa
- **Lorena Cruz**, President, National Institute of Women, Mexico
- **Alma Espino**, Coordinator, Gender and Development, Interdisciplinary Center for Development Studies, University of Uruguay
- **Alice Mary Higgins**, Member of Executive Committee in Charge of Poverty and exclusion, European Women's Lobby
- **María José Chamorro**, Principal Gender Specialist, ILO Latin America and the Caribbean

b. Livelihoods and access to assets

This session will focus on the vulnerabilities of women living in poverty resulting from concentration in the informal sector, self-employment and as unpaid family workers. It will analyze options for increasing their access to and ownership of productive resources such as finance, land, agricultural inputs as well as markets.

Chair: **Teresa Parodi**, Minister of Culture, Argentina

- **Ruchi Sankrit**, Expert in Economic and Social Inclusion, SEWA, India
- **Leila Ben Ali**, Director of Women and Gender, African Union
- **Lucia Fernandez**, Global Coordinator of Waste Pickers, Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)
- **Relinda Sosa**, President, CONAMOVIDI and Coordinator of GROOTS, Peru
- **Corina Rodríguez**, Academic, National Council for Scientific and Technical Research – Inter-disciplinary Center for Public Policy Studies (Conicet – Ciepp)

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13:00-14:30 **LUNCH**

14:30 -16:00 **Session 3 *Women's poverty inequality and sustainable development***

This session will focus on the linkages between climate change, gender equality and poverty. It will examine how women's poverty is exacerbated by climate change and climate related disasters and will look at policies and strategies that are being used to address the social inclusion of women and sustainable development in tandem as well as effective policies to reduce disaster-related risk empower women in disaster risk reduction and recovery.

Chair: **Randi Davis**, Director, Gender Team, UNDP

- **Rose Rwabuhiri**, Chief Gender Monitor, Rwanda
- **Rose Scalabrin**, National Secretary for Institutional Articulation and Thematic Actions, Secretariat for Women's Policies, Brazil
- **Josephine Castillo**, Grassroots Community Leader and Organizer, DAMPA Federation, Philippines
- **Mariama Williams**, Senior Programme Officer, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre

16:00-16:15 **BREAK**

16:15-18:00 **Session 4 *Poverty Eradication and Social Inclusion in Rural and Urban Settings***

This discussion will focus on the different experience of women and girls living in poverty in rural and urban contexts. It will underscore the need for focused and context-specific interventions especially to meet the needs of the poorest segments of society in both rural and urban settings and promote social inclusion. It will also explore common elements such as how the burden of unpaid care work has an impact in rural and urban settings on women's economic opportunities. The interlinkages between rural and urban poverty will be discussed. Successful development schemes from around the world will be shared.

Chair: **Maria Nieves Rico**, Director, Gender, Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC)

- **Sarah Degnan Kambou**, President, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)
- **Ajit Zacharias**, Director, Distribution of Income and Wealth Program, Levy Economics Institute
- **Joyce Nangobi**, Director, Slum Dweller Women in Development, Kenya
- **Olga Segovia**, Coordinator, Red Habitat Latin America and Caribbean

21:00 **Group Dinner and Cultural Event: Esquina Carlos Gardel (Transport to be provided from hotels)**

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DAY 3

9:00- 10:45

Session 5 *Women, poverty and resilience in conflict and post conflict settings*

This session will focus on the unique challenges faced by women and girls living in poverty in post conflict settings where today's extreme poverty is concentrated. It will look at the importance of having gender targeted policies to enable recovery and enhance women's and girls' social inclusion so they can benefit and take an active role in the transition to sustainable development. It will look at successful recovery and reconstruction programmes that contribute to reduce women's poverty and vulnerability and specific strategies for improving the lives of female refugees and internally displaced women.

Chair: **Maria Cecilia Rodriguez**, Minister of Security, Argentina

- **Eugenia Piza-Lopez**, Team Leader-and Regional Advisor, Latin America and the Caribbean Gender Programme, UNDP
- **Faiza Mohammed**, Director, Equality Now, Nairobi Office
- **Bolanle Adetoun**, Head of Program on Gender, Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS)
- **Claudia Mejia**, Director, SISMA Mujer Colombia

10:45-11:00

BREAK

11:00-12:45

Session 6 *Parallel Sessions: Increasing women's agency and empowerment for poverty reduction and social inclusion*

a. Non-Income dimensions of women's poverty

This session will focus on non-income dimensions of women's poverty such as education, health, housing and access to services, including sexual and reproductive health, as factors that have direct impacts on women's agency and empowerment. It will discuss successful approaches to increasing access and social inclusion and highlight remaining challenges such as quality of basic services.

Chair: **Jessica Faieta**, UN Assistant Secretary General and Regional Director of Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean

- **Violet Shivutse**, Regional Organizer, Shibuye Homebased Caregivers Alliance and African HBCA
- **Mayda Alvarez**, Director, Center of Studies for Women, Cuba on access to services
- **Gloria Bonder**, Coordinator, Regional UNESCO Chair for Women, Science and Technology, FLACSO, Argentina
- **Mariella Mazzotti**, Director, National Institute of Women, Uruguay

b. Compounding factors of women's poverty

This session will look at conditions that increase the prevalence or depth of poverty among women, or that prevent women from escaping poverty. It will look in particular at violence against women, as well as the issue of the inter-sectionality of gender with other characteristics such as age, race, caste, ethnicity or legal status as contributing factors of exclusion and women's poverty. It will focus on identifying strategies for increasing social inclusion of women to address these compounding factors

Chair: **Victoria Montenegro**, Under Secretary, National Coordination for Prevention, Assistance and Eradication of Violence Against Women, National Women's Council, Argentina.

- **Virginia Vargas**, Founder, Flora Tristan, Peru
- **Patricia Chaves**, Founder, Espacio Feminista, Brazil
- **Fatou Sarr**, Director, Laboratoire de Genre, Cheik Anta Diop University, Senegal

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12:45-13:45 LUNCH

13:45- 15:15 Breakout sessions

These sessions will offer the opportunity for all participants to reflect on the entry points to influence the post-2015 development agenda in light of the discussions of the previous two days and propose specific policy recommendations for strengthening the focus on reducing women's poverty and promoting social inclusion in the upcoming development agenda.

Breakout Session A Chair: Eugenia Piza-Lopez , Team Leader-and Regional Advisor, Latin America and the Caribbean Gender Programme, UNDP	Breakout Session B Chair: Sandy Schilen , Strategic Director, Huairou Commission	Breakout Session C Chair: Ana Laura Rodríguez Gusta , Academic, Conicet-UNSAM
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15:15-16:45 Session 7 Women, Social Inclusion and Poverty Eradication in the Post-2015 development agenda

This session will highlight the main issues discussed throughout the conference and focus on articulating an input to inform the Post-2015 development agenda. The session will provide an overview of entry points for introducing the concerns of women's poverty and social inclusion into the Post-2015 debate. The session will focus on the means of implementation being discussed to put into practice the new development agenda, such as domestic and international financing arrangements; data and measurement; new partnerships and accountability for gender equality.

Chair: **Moez Doraid**, Director, Coordination Division, UN Women

- **Mariana Gras**, President, National Women's Council, Argentina
- **Sascha Gabizon**, Executive Director, Women in Europe for a Common Future/ Women International for a Common Future (WECF/WICF) and Women's Major Group
- **Ana Ines Abelenda**, Coordinator, Economic Justice and Financing for Women's Rights Program, AWID
- **Esther Mwaura Muiru**, Founder, GROOTS Kenya
- **Mohammad Abbadi**, Local Development Programme Manager, UNCDF

16:45-17:15 BREAK

17:15-18:15 Closing

- **Ms. Alicia Kirchner**, Minister of Social Development, Argentina. President of MOST-UNESCO Intergovernmental Council
- **Mr. Hector Marcos Timerman**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina
- **Mr. Moez Doraid**, Director, Coordination Division, UN Women
- **Ms. Jessica Faieta**, UN Assistant Secretary General and Regional Director of Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP