



## **Investing in Poor Women to Achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): Engendering Macro-economics and Budgets**

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The international community is committed to halving poverty by 2015 as envisaged in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Women make up the majority of the world's poor population. Gender inequality and gaps in the socio-economic frameworks are the major factors that contribute to this disproportion. It is therefore important to address gender inequality and gaps in our efforts to achieve the MDGs.

We are pleased to announce the organization of a Symposium to discuss the promotion of gender perspectives into macro-economics and budgets as a way to achieve gender equality and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The key questions this Symposium will examine are the following:

- Are macro-economics and budgets gender-neutral?
- If not, how do they affect men and women differently and why?
- How can we make strategic use of public resources to achieve gender equality and the Millennium Development Goals most effectively and equitably?

World's top-notch experts on gender and macro-economics and development practitioners will share their knowledge and experience. The gender sensitive budget initiatives that were supported by the UNDP/Japan Women in Development Fund will be presented as an example of concrete measures to engender macro-economics.

Followed by the Symposium, an introductory Workshop on gender sensitive budgeting will be organized to introduce concepts and practical entry points. It will be held in Japanese. There will be no translation.

### **Dates, Time and Venue:**

Symposium: Monday, 31 July 2006, 10:00-16:30 (Registration from 9:30)  
Elizabeth Rose Hall, UN House 5F  
5-53-70 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

Workshop: Tuesday, 1 August 2006 14:00-16:45 (Registration from 13:30)  
Committee Room 2&3, UN House 5F  
5-53-70 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

## **International Symposium (Monday, 31 July)**

- 10:00~10:30      Opening Remarks  
Mr. Shoji Nishimoto, Director, Bureau for Development Policy (BDP), UNDP  
H.E. Dr. Kuniko Inoguchi, Minister of State for Gender Equality and Social  
Affairs; Member of the House of Representatives  
Mr. Shigekazu Sato, Director-General, Economic Cooperation Bureau,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 10:30~11:10      Keynote Lecture: Dr. Diane Elson, Professor, University of Essex, U.K. and  
Co-director of the Levy Institute's Program on Gender Equality and the  
Economy
- 11:10~11:20      Q&A
- 11:20~11:30      Break
- 11:30~12:00      Strategies and achievements of the UNDP/Japan WID Fund project “Investing  
in Poor Women to Achieve MDGs” (Dr. Selim Jahan, Senior Adviser and  
Cluster Leader, Strategies and Policies for Poverty Reduction, Poverty Group,  
BDP, UNDP)
- 12:00~12:10      Q&A
- 12:10~12:40      Presentations from the field: Showcasing follow-up initiatives in the regions  
where the Training of Trainers took place
- 12:40~12:50      Q&A
- 12:50~13:10      Wrap-up/Commentary on the morning session (Professor Ryokichi Hirono,  
Seikei University)
- 13:10~14:30      Lunch Break
- 14:30~16:00      Panel Discussion “Engendering Macro-economics and Budgets”  
Moderator:      Professor Yoriko Meguro, Sophia University  
Panelists:      Professor Diane Elson, University of Essex, U.K.  
Mr. Ken Okaniwa Director, Aid Planning Division, Economic  
Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Professor Yasuko Muramatsu, Tokyo Woman’s Christian  
University  
Dr. Selim Jahan, Senior Adviser and Cluster Leader,  
Strategies and Policies for Poverty Reduction, Poverty Group,  
BDP, UNDP
- 16:00~16:15      Q&A
- 16:15~16:30      Wrap-up: Potential of gender sensitive budgeting as a way of achieving gender  
equality and MDGs, Professor Yoriko Meguro

## **Workshop (Tuesday, 1 August. To be held in Japanese with no English interpretation.)**

- 14:00~14:30      Introduction of the UNDP/Japan WID Fund: Innovations for  
mainstreaming gender in development (Mr. Shoji Nishimoto, Director, Bureau  
for Development Policy (BDP), UNDP / Ms. Mariko Saito, Programme Manager,  
UNDP/Japan WID Fund, Gender Unit, BDP, UNDP)
- 14:30~15:30      What is gender sensitive budgeting and how it relates to gender agenda?  
Professor Yasuko Muramatsu, Tokyo Woman’s Christian University  
(conceptual clarity and case studies from other countries)
- 15:30~15:45      Q&A
- 15:45~16:00      Break
- 16:00~16:30      Different entry points for various purposes and introduction of the gender  
sensitive budgeting manual (Ms. Asako Osaki, Gender and Development  
Specialist)
- 16:30~16:45      Q&A

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