

WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVES ON UN POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

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Backgrounder

In September 2000, building upon a decade of major United Nations conferences and summits, world leaders came together at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to adopt the United Nations Millennium Declaration. This declaration committed participating nations to a new global partnership to reduce extreme poverty and set out a series of time-bound targets - with a deadline of 2015 - that have become known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These goals are as follows:

Eradication of Extreme Poverty and Hunger, Achieving Universal Primary Education, Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women, Reducing Child Mortality, Improving Maternal Health, Combatting HIV/Aids, Malaria and Other Diseases, Ensuring Environmental Sustainability, and Global Partnership for Development.

While we are reaching the deadline of MDGs, the realization of the goals, their applicability and ways of implementation after 2015, and the steps to be taken in the coming period for their further implementation were discussed in recent years and are still being debated.

The UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in July 2012 revealed the importance and benefit of sustainable development targets as defined in 1992 UN Summit of the Environment and Development. The global community agreed to name the new agenda of the post 2015 as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Numerous meetings have been held, many reports have been published and finally specific goals and targets have been proposed since the 2012 Sustainable Development Summit. The Journalists and Writers Foundation of Turkey, which holds a General Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council, hopes to contribute to this process by organizing the Istanbul Summit, which will provide opportunities for NGOs worldwide to express their views, particularly calling attention to women's perspectives on the proposed SDGs that are grouped in three main dimensions: Environmental, Economic and Social.

Civil Society and Development Goals

Moving from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) era towards Post-2015 Development Agenda, global partnership is much more underlined during the priority transformation. Civil society has a significant role for unified dialogue on sustainable and inclusive development. CSOs play a key part as the international community transitions to the new agenda. In this respect, the development agenda issues related to interaction between CSOs and other stakeholders is a significant point of discussion.

Making the New Sustainable Agenda Work

The context for progress on development has been changing since the MDGs era. How it may continue to shift in the coming decades, and what this could mean for the partnerships that will be necessary to successfully implement post-2015 development agenda are notable. A specific focus is needed on necessary action at the national and local level to effectively implement the new agenda with a sustainable and inclusive development approach.

Highlights of the Agenda

Eradication of Poverty

Eradication poverty in MDG period;

- What should be done in post 2015 global development agenda to go further;
- Success stories, and failures around the globe;
- Specific policies in relation to women in eradicating poverty;
- Global economic policies to eradicate poverty;
- Changing rhetoric from charity to partnership;
- Creation of decent work: Transformation economies for jobs and inclusive growth.

Women's Empowerment

- Prevent and eliminate all forms of violation against girls and women;
- Economic empowerment: Ensure equal right of women to own and inherit property, have
- legal rights on accessing economic activities, to ensure entrepreneurship activities;
- To eliminate legal, cultural and social obstacles for women to enter political, economic and public life;
- Enabling gender equality in employment;
- Equal opportunities in decision making positions.

Health

- Universal, affordable, accessible health insurance;
- End preventable infant and under 5 death;
- Decrease the maternal mortality;
- Increase universal sexual and reproductive health and rights;

- Reduce the burden of disease from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected tropical diseases;
- Raising awareness on health, well-being at all ages;
- Impact of pharmaceutical companies on health policies.

Education

- Importance of girl education and its benefit to societies;
- Increase to access and complete pre-primary education;
- Ensure every child regardless of circumstances completes primary education;
- Ensure every child access to middle school education;
- Increase technical and vocational education ;
- Quality education and employment;
- Lifelong education;
- Gender equality in education.

Food Security, Water Supply and Sanitation

- Right to food: End hunger, food wasting and protect the right of everyone to have access to
- sufficient, safe, affordable and nutritious food;
- Agricultural policies and land grabbing,
- Agro -business and food security (GMOs -Genetically modified Organisms)
- Small farmers against agro-businesses
- Adopt sustainable fishing industry by way of protecting local fishing, against long distance fishing filets;
- Fresh water scarcity and impact of climate change over water resources;
- Provide universal access to safe drinking water at home and schools, health centers and refugee camps;
- Disseminate water technology, increase efficiency and sustainable use of water, especially in agriculture;
- Participation in water policies in local level.

Environment & Climate Change & Energy

- Environmental Movements & Climate justice
- Gender role in environmental and climate change policies;
- Enhancing environmental consciousness in society by way of education;
- Sustainable cities
- Combatting against consumption and population

- Energy, climate change, and environmental dilemma
- Protecting vulnerable sector of society (poor, women and children);
- Adverse impact of global economy on environmental and natural resources;
- Green energy & renewable energy.

Sustainable Economic Development

- Right to development & economic fairness;
- Implementing sustainable development principle in local & central governmental bodies: Consider economic, social and environmental accounts in all decision making processes in local, and central governmental bodies;
- Corporate responsibilities;
- Economic globalization & trade policies
- Natural resource management (forest, soil, oceans, rivers, desertification, land degradation and drought);
- Public private partnership and privatization of public goods and resources;
- Inclusive growth / immigrants,
- Social security: protection of disabled & elderly people

Peace and Good Governance:

(Human Rights Framework and Accountability Mechanisms)

- Role of women in peace and security; peace making and post conflict management and women;
- Enhance economic and social rights: Right to have access drinking water, right to have healthy environment, right to have development; education, ext.
- Protection civil and political rights: Freedom of speech, association, peaceful protest and access to independent media and information;
- Increase public participation in political process and civic engagements in all levels;
- Reduce bribery and corruption and ensure officials can be held accountable;
- Right to access to trial in case of human rights abuses;

May 30, Friday- 2014

20.00-22.30 Award Ceremony for Peace Projects Grantees and Istanbul Summit Reception / Venue: Zaman Plaza

May 31, Saturday - 2014

09.00-09.40 Opening Ceremony

Müşerref Özer Secretary General, JWF Women's Platform

Nafis Sadik Special Adviser to the Executive Director of UNAIDS

Navi Pillay High Commissioner, United Nations Human Rights - Video Message

09.40-11.00 **Civil Society and Development Goals**

Moderator: **Suna Vidinli** Prime Time Anchor, NTV Turkey

Andrei Abromov Chief, ECOSOC NGO Branch

Chantal Line Carpentier Sustainable Development Officer and Major Groups Coordinator, UN

Renate Bloem UN Representative of Geneva, CIVICUS

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-13.00 **Environmental Dimension**

Moderator: **Ayşe Sargın** Director of Projects, Nature Association (Doğa Derneği)

Climate Change & Energy

Jai-Ok Kim President, Green Start Network, Korea

Water Scarcity & Sanitation

Dr. Dionysia - Theodora Avgerinopoulou Regional Office Representative, Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med), Member of Hellenic Parliament

Food Security

Defne Koryürek Councillor, Slow Food International

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.45 Social Dimension

Moderator: **Dr. S. Ayşe Orellana** American University, School of International Service

Women Empowerment (gender equality, violence against women, discrimination)

Prof. Shirley Randell Founding Director of the Centre for Gender in Rwanda, awards include Australian Women of Influence (2012) and International Women Making a Difference (2013)

Education (effective learning for all children and youth for life and livelihood)

Tamar Manuelyan Atınc Visiting Scholar, Global Economy and Development Program, Brookings Institute

Health (achieve health and well being at all ages)

Rajat Khosla Human Rights Adviser, Department of Reproductive Health Research, World Health Organization

Peace and Good Governance (human rights framework and accountability mechanisms)

May-Helen MolværGrimstad Head of Administration for Health, Social and Care, Municipality of Giske, Norway

15.45-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.45 Economic Dimension

Moderator: **Esra Kavurmacı** The Chair of the Board of Directors, the World Businesswomen Association

Creation of Employment Opportunities, New Jobs

Roxanne Alvarez Grants Manager, United Nations Foundation

Gender Equality in Employment and Income Inequality

Dr. Smita Tewari Jassal Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University

Eradicating Poverty

Prof. Thomas Kesselring Visiting Professor at Pedagogical University of Mozambique

June 1, 2014 - Sunday

10.00-12.00 **Working Groups on:**

- Eradication of Poverty
- Women's Empowerment
- Health
- Education
- Food Security, Water Supply and Sanitation
- Environment, Climate Change and Energy
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Peace and Good Governance (human rights framework and accountability mechanisms)

Parliamentarian Roundtable

Moderator: **Leyla Alaton** Director, Board of Directors, Alarko Group of Companies

12.00-12.30 Visiting Exhibition Hall

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.45 **Making The New Sustainable Development Agenda Work**

Moderator: **Chantal Line Carpentier** Sustainable Development Officer and Major Groups Coordinator, UN

Prof. Barbara Adams Senior Policy Advisor, Global Policy Forum

Somali Cerise Research Specialist, The UN Women Research and Data Section

14.45-15.00 Coffee Break

15.00-16.00 Announcement of Final Declaration & Closing Ceremony

17.30-20.00 Bosphorus Cruise

Opening Ceremony



Ms. Müşerref Özer

Secretary General, JWF Women's Platform

Graduating from Istanbul University's Law School, Ms. Müşerref Özer served as the Chair of Board for the Sevgi Education and Culture Association between 2000 - 2010. Ms. Özer organized activities on women's participation in social life through individual development and vocational courses,

fundraising to support high school and college students and families in need. She has been the Secretary-General of the Women's Platform under the Journalists and Writers Foundation since 2010. Empowerment of women, studies on the institution of family, education of girls, cooperation and partnership with similar NGOs and creating public awareness through media are the activities that she is currently involved in.



Ms. Nafis Sadik

Special Adviser on Policy to the Executive Director of UNAIDS

Dr. Nafis Sadik, a national of Pakistan, was Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General, with the rank of Under-Secretary-General, and UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific from January 2001 to June 2012. Since July 2012, Dr. Sadik has been designated as Special Adviser on Policy to the Executive Director of UNAIDS. She undertook her medical studies at Dow Medical College, and at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Sadik joined (UNFPA) in 1971, was its Executive Director from 1987-2000, and was the first woman in the UN system to head one of its major voluntarily-funded programmes. She is well-known for her dynamism and guiding force in the fields of maternal and child health, reproductive and sexual health, and advocacy for education in the prevention of HIV and AIDS. Recipient of many international and national awards, Dr. Sadik was the Laureate, in the individual category, of the UN Population Award 2001. Dr. Sadik serves on the Board of Trustees/Directors of several national and international organizations, and is the author of publications in the areas of reproductive health and family, population and development, women, and gender and development.



Ms. Navi Pillay

High Commissioner, United Nations
Human Rights - Video Message

The appointment of Navi Pillay as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was approved by the General Assembly on 28 July 2008. She took up the post on 1 September 2008. Her mandate has been renewed for two years beginning on 1 September 2012. Ms. Pillay, a South African national, was the first woman to start a law practice in her home province of Natal in 1967. Over the next few years, she acted as a defense attorney for anti-apartheid activists, exposing torture, and helping establish key rights for prisoners on Robben Island. She also worked as a lecturer at the University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal, and later was appointed Vice-President of the Council of the University of Durban Westville. In 1995, after the end of apartheid, Ms. Pillay was appointed as acting judge on the South African High Court, and in the same year was elected by the UN General Assembly to be a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, where she served a total of eight years, the last four (1999-2003) as President. She played a critical role in the ICTR's groundbreaking jurisprudence on rape as genocide, as well as on issues of freedom of speech and hate propaganda. In 2003, she was appointed as a judge on the International Criminal Court in The Hague, where she served on the Appeals Chamber until August 2008. In South Africa, as a member of the Women's National Coalition, she contributed to the inclusion of the equality clause in the country's Constitution that prohibits discrimination on grounds of race, gender, religion and sexual orientation. She co-founded Equality Now, an international women's rights organization, and has been involved with other organizations working on issues relating to children, detainees, victims of torture and of domestic violence, and a range of economic, social and cultural rights. Ms. Pillay received a BA and a LLB from Natal University South Africa. She also holds a Master of Law and a Doctorate of Juridical Science from Harvard University. She was born in 1941, and has two daughters. .

Civil Society and Development Goals



Mr. Andrei Abramov

Chief, ECOSOC NGO Branch

Mr. Andrei Abramov, Chief of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), has diversified professional experience in working with NGOs, supporting intergovernmental policy making, negotiations and preparing policy documents. Prior to joining DESA, Mr. Abramov worked in peacekeeping in various capacities, carrying political analysis, participating in negotiations and other peacemaking and peacekeeping activities. He has more than 10 year experience in the UN Office of Human Resources Management dealing with many aspects of human resources management including job classification, recruitment, compensation, policy development, staff-management relations.



Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier

Sustainable Development Officer and Major Groups Coordinator, United Nations

Dr. Chantal Line Carpentier, from Canada, joined the Division for Sustainable Development of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs as Sustainable Development Officer in 2007 and became Major Groups coordinator in 2010 to enhance non-state actors' engagement with the UN system on sustainable development. She facilitated the participation of more than 10,000 non-state actor participation in the UN Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable development. She is also focal point for sustainable consumption and production, food security and sustainable agriculture. She previously served as Head of the Trade and Environment Program of the NAFTA Commission for Environmental Cooperation from 2000 to 2007, as policy analyst for the Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture from 1998-2000, as post doc for IFPRI in the Brazilian Amazon from 1996-98. She is a 2006 Yale World Fellow and as consulted for UNDP, World Bank, OCDE, and USDA. Dr. Carpentier regularly publishes journal articles, book chapters, and Secretary General Reports on the intricate relationships between sustainable development policies, trade and agriculture. She has co-authored a book on Ethical Investing published in French in Quebec in 2008.



Ms. Renate Bloem

UN Representative of Geneva, CIVICUS

Ms. Renate Bloem, a Swiss national born in Germany, completed her studies in Medicine, Languages and Literature at the Universities of Bonn, Munich and New York and started her academic career by teaching at international schools and cultural institutions worldwide. Since 1985 she dynamically engaged in the NGO work. As a strong advocate for human rights, in particular for the human rights of women and children, she was actively involved in the Drafting of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, (Art. 37d) and, after its adoption, in the promotion of children's rights. Elected CONGO President at the General Assembly in November 2000 and re-elected in December 2003 -2007, she has been involved in numerous UN meetings, led CONGO delegations to the World Conference against Racism, to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and organized through the CONGO Working Group on Asia the Asian Civil Society Forum 2002 and 2004 in Bangkok and, together with Latin American NGO networks, the NGO Seminar in Santiago, and in 2007 the African Civil Society Forum in Addis Abeba. In 2009 Renate joined CIVICUS and has since then built up CIVICUS UN Office in Geneva, its Human Rights work and reputation to give voice to the voiceless, bringing people from countries where they are under threat and engaging in the widening of civil society and democratic space.

Environmental Dimension



Ms. Jai-Ok Kim

President, Green Start Network, Korea

Ms. Jaiok Kim is President of Green Start Network, Korea, Vice President of Consumers International, and President Consumers Korea (Int.). She is also Co-Chair of Korea NGO Energy Network; a national federation of 260 NGOs in Korea and Co- Chair of Korea Climate Change Center. Nationally, Ms. Kim is a Council Member of Korea Economic Advisory Council and Committee member of Green Growth Committee appointed by President of Korea. She is also a member of several government committees such as Consumer Policy Committee at the Ministry of Finance and Economic and Energy Policy Committee at the Ministry of Industry, Resource & Energy. Internationally, she is actively involved and participated international consumer protection affairs. Besides, she is the Vice President and Executive Council Member of Consumers International. Before, she worked as the Chair of ISO COPOLCO (Consumer Policy Council) and an Advisory Committee Member of UNEP Sustainable Production and Consumption Committee. She attended UNCSD as a CI delegation and Korea Government delegation since 1993. She was actively participated for amendment of UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection in 1996-1999. She has been worked closely with UNESCAP for Sustainable Development since 1995 and also participated in ISO COPOLCO meeting since 2004 as the Head of Korea Government Delegation. Furthermore Ms. Jaiok Kim is co-authored of eleven books.



Dr. Dionysia - Theodora Avgerinopoulou

Regional Office Representative, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med), Member of Hellenic Parliament

Dr. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Member of the Hellenic Parliament since 2009, is the Chairperson of the Special Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Environmental Protection of the Hellenic Parliament, the Chairperson of the Subcommittee of the Watercourses of the Special Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Environmental Protection, and the Chairperson of the Circle of the Mediterranean Parliamentarians on Sustainable Development. She has also recently been elected as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Dr. Avgerinopoulou is the recipient of the Green Star Award by the UNEP/OCHA/Green Cross International and a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. She holds a J.S.D. (Ph.D.) in International Environmental Law from Columbia University School of Law and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from Georgetown Law Center. She is an international lawyer and the Director of the European Institute of Law, Science and Technology.



Ms. Defne Koryürek

Councillor, Slow Food International

Ms. Defne Koryürek is the founding leader of the Slow Food Istanbul and Palates With Ideas (Istanbul) which oppose to genetically modified organisms, campaign against industrial food and the injustice that comes along and protect the values that disappear due to urbanization and changing consumption habits. The campaign, "Istanbul Never without Bluefish" made her a member of Slow Food International Council representing Turkey and enabled her to hold an international Slow Fish event. Ms. Koryürek writes a column in Taraf Daily and hosts a TV show on IMC TV which go with the same name: "We are What We Eat".

Social Dimension



Prof. Shirley Randell

Founding Director of the Centre for Gender in Rwanda, awards include Australian Women of Influence (2012) and International Women Making a Difference (2013)

Professor Shirley Randell AO, PhD was educated at Perth Modern School and the Universities of Papua New Guinea, Canberra, New England and London. As a leading expert in public sector and institutional reform, gender mainstreaming and human rights in developing countries, Prof. Randell has provided specialist technical assistance to governments in the Asia Pacific Region and in Africa over the last 18 years. For the last nine years she has been working in Rwanda as a gender and education specialist. She is the author of numerous journal articles and books and is a renowned international speaker. Prof Randell was one of Australia's 100 Inaugural Women of Influence in 2012 and one of the International Alliance for Women's 100 World of Difference Awardees in 2013. She is the 2013 Distinguished Alumni of the University of New England Armidale, Global Ambassador for The International Alliance of Women, and Patron of the Australian Centre for Leadership for Women and Sunshine Foundation Australia.



Ms. Tamar Manuelyan Atinc

Visiting Scholar, Global Economy and Development Program, Brookings Institute

Ms. Tamar Manuelyan Atinc is a visiting scholar at Brookings on leave of absence from the World Bank where she has worked in various capacities since 1984. In her last position, she was Vice President for Human Development for three years, overseeing the Bank's work in the areas of education, health, nutrition, and population and social protection and labor. In her previous assignments, Ms. Manuelyan Atinc was Director for Human Development in the Bank's Europe and Central Asia region for four years and served as a member of the Board of the Roma Education Fund (REF). She served in the East Asia and the Pacific region in a number of positions during a 13-year period, including Acting Director for Human Development, Sector Manager for the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, and Senior Economist on China. In the Africa region, she worked for eight years as Country Economist for Cameroon and Guinea, including three years in Yaounde. Ms. Manuelyan Atinc was also a co-author of the 2006 World Development Report on Equity and Development. A Turkish national, Ms. Manuelyan Atinc has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard University and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.



Mr. Rajat Khosla

Human Rights Adviser, Department of Reproductive Health Research, World Health Organization

Mr. Rajat Khosla presently works as Human Rights Adviser for Department of Reproductive Health Research at the World Health Organization. He is a lawyer by training and specializes on issues related to sexual and reproductive health and human rights. Previously he worked with UN agencies and others on ICPD+20 review process and post 2015 MDGs discussions. He used to work as the health policy advisor with Amnesty International. In this capacity he provided research guidance and policy support on a variety of health and human right issues, in particular around maternal health and sexual and reproductive rights and HIV.



Ms. May-Helen MolværGrimstad

Head of Administration for Health, Social and Care, Municipality of Giske, Norway

Ms. May-Helen Molvaer Grimstad was a Norwegian politician (Christian Democratic Party). She was a Member of Parliament from Møre og Romsdal 1993-2009, and asked not to be re-elected in 2009. Having completed school graduation in 1987, she studied at Fjellhaug Bible, Molde University College (year program of Political Science) and Volda University College (year program with municipal planning and administration). She is working with the local authority in Giske Sunnmøre from 2010. Parliamentary experiences are: 2005-2009 Director of Family and Culture Committee, 2001-2005 Member of the Business Committee, 1997-2001 Director of Family, Culture and Administration Committee, 1993-1997 Member of Communications Committee.

Economic Dimension



Ms. Roxanne Alvarez

Grants Manager, United Nations Foundation

Ms. Roxanne Alvarez is the Grants Manager on the Women, Girls, & Population team at the United Nations Foundation in Washington, D.C. In that role, her primary responsibility is managing and administering the team's \$6 million grants portfolio that supports a range of advocacy and empowerment programs for women and girls in the U.S. and globally. Before joining UNF, Ms. Alvarez was an independent consultant who focused on partnering with domestic and international nonprofits that specialize in microfinance and entrepreneurship programming. Ms. Alvarez earned a Master's degree in economics from George Mason University and a Master's in social work from the University of Chicago. In her nonprofit career, she has worked as a mental health crisis counselor, a social policy researcher and program manager, and co-taught a graduate course in grants development. At the heart of everything, she does is her passion to promote and advocate for ways to empower women and girls to live as freely as they can.



Dr. Smita Tewari Jassal

Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University

Dr. Smita Tewari Jassal is Associate Prof. of Anthropology in the Sociology Department at Middle East Technical University (METU) Ankara, where she teaches courses on Anthropological Theories, Culture, and Gender and Development: Perspectives from India. Her books include "Unearthing Gender" (2011, Duke Univ. Press, USA), "Daughters of the Earth: Women and Land in U.P" (2001, Manohar, Delhi). She co-edited with Eyal Ben-Ari, "The Partition Motif in Contemporary Conflicts" (2006, Sage Pub). Before moving to Turkey she taught Anthropology at Columbia and Brandeis Universities and has worked as Senior Research Fellow at Delhi's Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS, 1995-2003). For her current research on women's religiosity in India and Turkey she is also affiliated with Delhi's Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS).



Prof. Thomas Kesselring

Visiting Professor at Pedagogical University of Mozambique

Prof. Thomas Kesselring was born at Berne, Switzerland and he is the author of a doctoral dissertation about the Epistemology of Jean Piaget. He was Invited Professor at several Brazilian Universities (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, 1987-89; Universidade de Caxias, 2004-2006, from 2014 on) and at the University for Education in Mozambique (since 2008). He worked from 2001 to 2013 as Professor of Ethics, Intercultural Education and Education for Sustainable Development at Berne University for Education and Lecturer for Philosophy at the University of Berne. He is now a Visiting Professor at Pedagogical University of Mozambique and teaches courses in Ethics, Political Philosophy, Theory of Sciences, and Hermeneutics.

Making The New Sustainable Development Agenda Work



Prof. Barbara Adams

Senior Policy Advisor, Global Policy Forum

Professor Barbara Adams was trained as an economist in the UK and served as Executive Director of the Manitoba Council for International Affairs from 1977–1979 in Canada. She served as Associate Director of the Quaker United Nations Office in New York (1981–1988), where she worked with delegates, UN staff and NGOs on issues of economic and social justice, women, peace and human rights. Barbara served as Deputy Coordinator of the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) through the period of the UN global conferences and until 2003. From 2003–2008 she worked as Chief of Strategic Partnerships and Communications for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Her recent experiences have included being a member of the President of UN General Assembly CSO taskforce for MDG 2010 Summit, the Coordinating Committee of Social Watch and the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives. During her career she has worked as a consultant to UNICEF, served on the board of directors for the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) and has undertaken development work in Latin America, including on housing and settlement projects in Uruguay. Ms. Adams has authored and co-authored many articles, reports and booklets on the UN.



Ms. Somali Cerise

**Research Specialist, The UN Women
Research and Data Section**

Ms. Somali Cerise is a Research Specialist in the Research and Data Section at UN Women. Prior to joining UN Women, Ms. Cerise was the Gender Project Coordinator at the OECD Development Centre where she was responsible for gender-related policy and research activities, including the Social Institutions and Gender Index and Gender, Institutions and Development Database. She has previously worked as a gender specialist for over a decade with End Violence Against Women in the UK, International AIDS Society, Australian Human Rights Commission and AIDS Council of NSW. Ms. Cerise has authored several papers and reports on gender equality and women's rights issues including the Millennium Development Goals, discriminatory social institutions, violence against women, HIV/AIDS, sexual harassment and rights at work, poverty and pensions.

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