



Invitation to a Side Event
on the occasion of the CSW 62

Participation of rural women in governance: Challenges and opportunities

Co-organized by the Government of Egypt, New Zealand, Philippines,
South Africa, Zambia and Switzerland

on Wednesday, 14 March 2018, 3:00 - 4:15 pm
at Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters, NY

Programme

Opening remarks by

- Sylvie Durrer, Director of Swiss Federal Office for Gender Equality, Switzerland
- Cornelia Richter, Vice President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Moderation by Torben Nilsson, Senior Global Engagement Specialist for the Global Engagement, Knowledge, and Strategy Division for the IFAD

Intervention by panelists

- Naela Gabr, CEDAW expert and chair of the task force of the General Recommendation No 34 on rural women
- Renee Graham, Chief Executive of the New Zealand Ministry for Women
- Dr Auxilia Ponga, Permanent secretary of the Zambian Ministry of Gender
- Violet Shivutse, Founding and Current Director of Shibuye Community Health Workers, Kenya, Member of the Board of the Huairou Commission

Interactive discussion

Closing remarks by Dr Maya Morsy, President of the National Council of Women of Egypt

The side event identifies challenges and opportunities to enable women to have an equal voice to men in rural institutions and organizations. It provides a space to share and discuss innovative approaches to improve women's participation in rural communities, particularly at decision-making level in local governance.

Join us in this important discussion! We look forward to welcoming you to our event.

Please RSVP to gabriela.potts@eda.admin.ch before Friday 9th March at 12pm (noon).

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