



INVITATION TO

International Conference *Alliance Building and Action for Women's Rights in Development – Now and After 2015*

Time: 21 November, 10:00 –16:15 hours

Venue: Fællessalen, Danish Parliament, Rigsdagsgården, 1240 Copenhagen K

A Selection of the KeySpeakers:

Mama Koite Doumbia, FEMNET-Mali

Rosa Lizarde, Feministic Task Force

Kathleen Stone, United Methodist Women

Dr. Azza Karam, UNFPA

Nerea Craviotti el. **Alejandera Scampini**, AWID

Gro Lindstad, FOKUS – Forum for Women and Development

Asger Ryhl, UN Women Nordic Office

Lone Loklindt, Social Liberal Party

Mette Gjerskov, Social Democrats

The Conference will be held in English



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Conference purpose:

- To promote gains in women's and girls' rights and empowerment, gender equality, and a human rights-based development and
- To promote alliance building and strategic thinking from a women's/girls' rights in development perspective
- To develop a counter-offensive for Danish and international action to:
 - Maintain gains achieved since the UN Fourth World Women's Conference in 1995
 - Counteract the pressure to roll women's rights back, and
 - Attain new progress in women's and girls' rights

What are the results so far, what is happening now, what are the synergies, how do we attain the MDGs, and how can we do better after 2015?

Objectives:

On this background, the conference intends to:

- Critically examine and link several current UN processes – the UNGA's Special Event on reaching the MDGs by 2015, the Rio+20/Sustainable Development Goal follow-up process, and the development of the post-2015 development agenda and goals,
- Contribute to the preparations for the UN's Commission on the Status of Women 2014 that focuses on the *Challenges and achievements in implementing the MDGs for women and girls*, and to
- Action for progress and celebration of Beijing+20 in 2015, and
- Promote alliance building among like-minded across sectors

Background:

The point of departure for the conference is the uneven distribution of progress, especially for women's and girls' rights and gender equality, which continues to exist in spite of the global progress attained in the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) areas since 2000. Also considerable gaps in implementing the obligations agreed upon in the Beijing Platform for Action at the UN's Fourth World Conference for Women, 1995, and the subsequent reviews, still exist, as do the gaps in implementing the legally binding obligations confirmed in the UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

In March 2013 the UN's annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Session was again a battleground between fundamentalist and progressive views on women's and girls' rights, although the priority topic, "Eradication and Prevention of All Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls", is a topic which should have been easy for all to agree upon. The CSW outcome document "Agreed Conclusions" was finally passed at the very last minute, after very long and hard negotiations.



PROGRAM

- 9:40-10:00 **Registration** and coffee/tea/water
- 10:00-10:10 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**
Janice G Foerde, chairperson, KULU

Panel 1:

Gender Justice Perspectives on Issues, Results, Challenges & Constraints

- Co-moderators: Charlotte Flindt Pedersen, DIHR & Janice G. Foerde, KULU
- 10:10-10:15 *“Danish Visions for Women’s Rights and Empowerment -
Now and After 2015”*
Lone Loklindt, MP, Social Liberal Party (RV):
- 10:15-10:35 *“Climate and Gender Justice Results at COP 19 and Impact
on Post-2015 Development Agenda?”*
Mama Koite Doumbia, president, FEMNET-Mali
- 10:35 - 10:45 *“MDG Review at the UN General Assembly – Results,
Challenges and Potentials”*
Torleif Jonasson, secretary general, UNA - Denmark
(to be confirmed)
- 10:45 - 11:00 *“Entry Points for Women’s Rights in the Post-2015 Agenda
and SDG process”*
Rosa Lizarde, Coordinator, Feministic Task Force
- 11:00 - 11:15 *“Values, Advantages and Difficulties of working with FBOs”*
Rev. Kathleen Stone, Executive for the Office of Economic and
Environmental Justice, United Methodist Women
- 11:15 - 11:30 *“Collective rights, MDGs and the Post-2015 Agenda”*
Grace Balawag, Tebtebba/Indigenous Peoples’ International
Centre for Policy Research and Education, Philippines
(to be confirmed)
- 11:30 – 11:45 *“MDGs, Post-2015 Development and CSW 2014”*
Virginia Lopez Calvo, CAWN / WIDE Plus (ikke bekræftet)
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Q&A and Discussion** from the floor
- 12:30- 13:00 **Light lunch & coffee/tea/water**



Parliamentarian Panel

- 13:00 - 13:25 ***Results, Gaps, Challenges, Visions for Gender Justice - Now and After 2015***
Moderator: **Ole Olsen**, Chairman of Human Rights Committee, UNA - DK
- Mette Gjerskov**, MP, Social Democrats
Lone Loklindt, MP, Social Liberal Party/RV
Nikolaj Villumsen, MP, Red-Green Party/EL (to be confirmed)
Steen Gade, MP, Socialistisk Peoples' Party/SF (to be confirmed)
Mette Bock, Liberal Alliance, (to be confirmed)
- 13:25 – 14:00 **Q&A and Discussion with resource panels 1&2 and floor**

Panel 2:

Gender Justice Perspectives on Issues, Results, Challenges & Constraints - Perspectives for CSW 2014, Beijing+20 in 2015 and the Post-2015 Agenda

- 14:00 – 14:15 ***“Alliance Building with Faith-based Organizations on Culture, RSRH, Development Now and Post-2015”***
Dr. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor on Culture, UNFPA, NYC (Videolink)
- 14:15 - 14:30 ***“AWID’s Eyes on CSW 2014 and the Post-2015 Agenda”***
Nerea Craviotti or **Alejandra Scampini**, Economic Justice Team, AWID (Video link) (To be confirmed)
- 14:30 - 15:00 **Q&A, Comments & Discussion** with Panel 1 and the floor (videolink)
- 15:00 - 15:15 ***“The Future We want for All - Post-2015 Consultations in Norway”***
Gro Lindstad, Executive Director, FOKUS – Forum for Women and Development
- 15:15-15:30 ***“Advancing Beijing+20 Promises, Post-2015 Agenda and a Women’s/Girls’ Rights & Empowerment Goal”***
Asger Ryhl, director, UN Women Nordic Office

Perspectives for CSW 2014, Beijing+20 2015 and the Post-2015 Agenda

- 15:30-16:00 **Q&A and Discussion** from the floor
- 16:00-16:15 **Ways Forward and Closing** by DIHR, UNA & KULU
Charlotte Flindt Pedersen, DIHR, Ole Olsen UNA-DK,
Janice Goodson Foerde, KULU



Organizers: KULU-Women and Development in cooperation with the United Nations Association of Denmark, the Danish Institute for Human Rights, the Social Liberal Party (RV) and other KULU member organizations

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