



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2012

“Empower Rural Women – End Hunger and Poverty”

7 March 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Opening

- **H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **H.E. Marjon V. Kamara**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations and Chairperson the 56th session of the Commission of the Status of Women
- **H.E. Mr. Mutlaq Al-Qahtani**, Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations (on behalf of the PGA)
- **Video message:** Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Under Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women

Panel Discussion

- **Ms. Mishkat Al Moumin**, Former Minister of Environment in Iraq and Founder and Director of the NGO Women and the Environment (tbc).
- **Ms. Anne Itto**, Former Caretaker Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and the current Deputy Secretary General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in the Republic of South Sudan.
- **Ms. Marina Fe Balmori Durano**, Research Coordinator for Political Economy of Globalization, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), Manila, Philippines.
- **Ms. Mirian Masaquiza**, Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- **Ms. Yelena Kudryavtseva**, UN Women Sub-regional office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Moderator

- **Ms. Femi Oke**, International broadcaster and a correspondent for WNYC Radio's national syndicated news show The Takeaway