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Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

## INVITATION

### SIXTY-NINTH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIDE EVENT

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### *Making it happen - financing gender equality and women's rights in the post-2015 development agenda*

**Monday, 22 September 2014, 8:30-10:00 AM**

**Permanent Mission of Ireland to UN**

As the intergovernmental deliberations on the post-2015 agenda commence, it is critical to ensure that political commitments are translated into real action. Integral to this is adequate financing to support the full implementation of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

This side-event provides a forum for multi-stakeholder dialogue about how to finance new global commitments on gender equality and women's rights in the post-2015 agenda including those identified in the proposal of the Open Working Group for SDGs. It will focus on strengthening partnerships and building mutual accountability to ensure that political promises on gender equality are backed up with the resources required to achieve results for women and girls. The event aims to support the articulation of recommendations to strengthen financing for gender equality and women's rights for the achievement of the SDGs, including reflections on how to ensure that gender equality and women's rights are adequately considered in the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in July 2015.

The following issues will be addressed:

- The current status of financing for gender equality and women's rights;
- Innovative examples and lessons from national governments, development partners and civil society to scale up financing for gender equality and track resource allocations towards strengthening transparency and accountability;
- The role of development cooperation in supporting effective implementation of the post-2015 development agenda; and
- Recommendations on how to strengthen financing for gender equality for the achievement of the SDGs, including reflections on how to address gender equality and women's rights at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

# Agenda

## *Opening Remarks:*

- **David Donoghue**, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN

## *Panellists:*

- **Baikuntha Aryal**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal
- **Lilianne Ploumen**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Government of the Netherlands
- **Lydia Alpízar Durán**, Executive Director, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
- **Emily Esplen**, Policy Analyst, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, Development Co-operation Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

## *Moderator:*

- **John Hendra**, Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme, UN Women

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As limited space will be available, please RSVP by Friday, 19 September at 1:00 PM to:

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