



# 2010 ANNUAL MINISTERIAL REVIEW

## GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

### What will the AMR do?

The 2010 AMR will take place during the High-level Segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (in July 2010) at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The AMR will focus on *"Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women."* The Review will provide an opportunity to:

- ❖ Assess the state of implementation of the gender-related goals and the UN Development Agenda;
- ❖ Explore key challenges in achieving the international goals and commitments in the area of gender equality;
- ❖ Consider recommendations and proposals for action, including new initiatives.

### What will the thematic focus be?

The Report of the Secretary-General for the AMR will focus on progress in achieving the Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs), especially in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women. In light of the multiple crises facing the world, it will look at new challenges which have arisen since the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action has been adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, in 1995. The report will present action-oriented recommendations that can help countries accomplish their priorities in the area of gender equality.

### What will the format be?

The AMR session will consist of keynote addresses, interactive dialogues and panels on gender and related issues. In addition a record number of fifteen countries – both developing and developed - have volunteered to make *National Voluntary Presentations* (NVPs). Australia, Brazil

Denmark, France, Greece, Guatemala, Moldova, Mongolia, Namibia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Congo, Republic of Korea and the United States will report on their progress in implementing the IADGs, including the MDGs.

To facilitate the sharing of best practices and lessons learned the AMR official session will be complemented by an AMR innovation fair. The fair showcases successful examples which can be replicated or scaled-up.

### How will the preparations look like?

Several activities will precede the AMR, including a *philanthropy event* and a global AMR *preparatory meeting, to be held in New York*.

In addition, *regional meetings* will be held on gender related topics especially relevant to the specific region.

Upon request, UNDESA is also assisting developing countries making a voluntary national presentation in organizing *national workshops* that aim to strengthen capacity for assessing implementation of national development strategies.

### Who will participate?

Ministers for Gender Equality, Development Cooperation, Economics, Finance, Health and Foreign Affairs, Executive Heads of the UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes, and diverse group of civil society and private sector representatives and academics.

### What is the expected outcome?

- ❖ Ministerial Declaration;
- ❖ Concrete initiatives and partnerships to promote implementation towards the gender-related goals at all levels.