



**ECOSOC Global Preparatory Meeting for the 2010 Annual Ministerial Review  
"Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to  
gender equality and the empowerment of women"**

**22 April 2010, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., Conference Room 4 (NLB)  
United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**Tentative Programme**

**Who feeds the world in 2010 and beyond?  
Rural women as agents of change and champions of global food security**

Presentation of a three-minute video on women's contribution to food security and global food production

Chair: H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali, President of ECOSOC – Opening remarks

Moderator: Ms. Marcela Villarreal, Director, Gender Division, FAO – General overview of the topic

Panelists: The Honourable Florence Chenoweth, Minister of Agriculture of Liberia - Providing national policy perspective

Ms. Carol Kramer-LeBlanc, Director for Sustainable Development, Office of the Chief Economist, United States Department of Agriculture - Providing a donor country perspective

Ms. Mirna Cunningham, Director, Centre for Indigenous People's Autonomy and Development (CIPAD) – Providing regional perspective on rural women's empowerment

Ms. Carmen Griffiths, Coordinator, GROOTS, Jamaica - Providing a local farmer's perspective

Interactive Dialogue with ECOSOC Members, Observers, United Nations system organizations and civil society

Summary of the discussion: Ms. Marcela Villarreal, FAO

Closing remarks: H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali, President of ECOSOC