

**Informal Thematic Debate of the General Assembly
Promotion of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
6 and 7 March 2007**

6 March

General debate on the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. General Assembly Hall

- President of the General Assembly H.E. Haya Rashed Al Khalifa
- Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon

Statements should not exceed 5 minutes

Panel debate on women in decision-making:

3-6 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber

- Ms. Beatriz Paredes, Fundacion Colosio
- Ms. Srilatha Batliwala, Chair of WEDO Board
- Ms. Pregaluxmis Govender
- Mr. Anders Johnsson, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Ms. Mary Robinson, Ethical Globalization Initiative
- Ms. Mallika Dutt, Executive Director Breakthrough Campaign (moderator)

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Panel debate on empowerment of women including microfinance:

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber

- Ms. Diane Elson, University of Essex
- Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Director Microcredit Summit Campaign
- Ms. Gisele Yitamben, Founder and President, Association pour le Soutien et l'Appui à la Femme (ASAFE)
- Mr. Mohamed Chafiki, Director Financial Forecasts, Ministry of Finance and Privatization, Morocco
- (Moderator to be confirmed)

Please be advised that translation will be provided, including for the panel debates.