



***“The Climate Change Negotiations
— an Action Agenda”***

Side event at the 53rd session of the UN CSW

Tuesday, March 3, 4:30 to 6:00 PM

Dag Hammarskjold Library (DHL) Auditorium, United Nations

Sponsored by the International Alliance of Women and the Global Gender and Climate Alliance (GGCA- members include the UNDP, UNEP, IUCN, Women’s Environment and Development Organization and more than 20 UN agencies and civil society organizations), the Heinrich Boell Foundation, the Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics and the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN

Moderated by Winnie Byanyima, Director, UNDP Gender Team

Speakers

“An update on the status of the climate change negotiations and the progress on gender”

Rebecca Pearl, Coordinator, Global Gender Climate Alliance (GGCA)

“A human rights perspective on climate change”

Dr. Anamah Tan, President, International Council of Women and former CEDAW expert

“The road to Copenhagen, 2009”

H. E. Ambassador Mr. Carsten Staur, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations

“The Manila Declaration on Gender and Climate Change”

Dr. Jung-Sook Kim, President, Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics

Commentary, Soon-Young Yoon, International Alliance of Women and Vice-Chair, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women/New York

The speakers

Winnie Byanyima joined the UNDP from her post as Director of the Women, Gender and Development Unit at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. As well as being an active politician and activist, Winnie has authored and contributed to several publications, journal articles, conference papers and professional reports. Her latest book is *Parliamentarians, The Budget Process and Gender*. Other publications include *A Rising Tide: Uganda Women's Struggle for a Public Voice* and *Budgeting for Women and Men, a Handbook for Local Government Leaders*. In 2005 she was honored as Women of the Year by AfroAmerica Network and in 1995 by the World Economic Forum as a 'Global Leader of Tomorrow.' The same year, *Time* magazine recognized her as one of the 100 world leaders of the 21st Century.

Rebecca Pearl coordinates the Global Gender and Climate Alliance, an initiative led by UNDP, UNEP, World Conservation Union (IUCN) and other institutions. Prior to joining the GGCA, Pearl was the Sustainable Development Program Coordinator at WEDO (Women's Environment & Development Organization), worked with UNIFEM-Andean Region to launch gender budget initiatives in Latin America, and began her career as a community development worker in Nicaragua. She has an academic background in environmental science and a Master's degree in Sustainable International Development from the Heller School at Brandeis University. She serves on the Board of Directors of WOCAN.

Dr. Anamah Tan led Singapore's NGO delegation at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 and has served as an NGO representative of the government of Singapore to the CSW. From 2004-2008, she was a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Dr. Tan has served on the National Healthy Lifestyle Committee of the Ministry of Health in Singapore. She has held leadership positions with national, regional and international women's organizations including the Singapore Association of Women Lawyers, the Asean Confederation of Women's Organizations and the International Council of Women. Dr. Tan holds an Honorary PhD in Business Administration, is a Justice of the Peace and runs her own law firm.

Dr. Jung-Sook Kim is president of the Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics and was recently elected to be President of the National Council of Women in Korea. A former parliamentarian and Chair of the special Committee on Women's Affairs in Korea's national assembly, she also served as Vice-Minister in charge of women's affairs within the Ministry of Political Affairs. She has been a government and NGO delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women. She holds a PhD in Education from George Washington University and an MA in education from Ewha Womans University.

Ambassador Carsten Staur is the permanent representative of Denmark to the United Nations and former ambassador to Israel. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Staur was his country's State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Under-Secretary for Bilateral Affairs covering the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America. He also served as the head of DANIDA, the Danish Development Agency for 7 years. He holds a Master of Arts degree in history and Danish literature from the University of Copenhagen. Denmark will host and chair the Climate Change Meeting in December, 2009 (COP15), where a new agreement on Climate Change will have to be established as a follow-up to the present Kyoto Protocol.