

Interactive Expert Panel 3

**Evaluation of progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions of CSW 52 on
“Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women”**

Focus: national experiences in implementing the agreed conclusions of CSW 52

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Panellists

Mr. Mohamed Chafiki is the Director of Studies and Financial Forecasts at the Ministry of Economy and Finance in Morocco, where he has been leading the elaboration of the Moroccan Gender Budget Report since 2005. He has over twenty years of experience as professor of economics at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences in Rabat, and is also an active member of the Association of Moroccan Economists and a consultant to many international organizations. Mr. Chafiki has worked extensively on issues in relation to human development, inequalities and poverty analysis and has shared the Moroccan experience on gender budgeting at numerous international conferences. He was a keynote speaker in 2008 at the Commission on the Status of Women on the occasion of its consideration of “financing for gender equality” as the priority theme.

Ms. Maria Dolores Almeida is the Vice Minister of Finance in Ecuador. She has extensive experience in macroeconomic policies, public finance management and fiscal decentralization. She previously worked as Secretary for Public Investment and was in charge of fiscal programmes at the Ministry of Finance. Prior to joining the Ministry of Finance, Ms. Almeida was a consultant on fiscal issues to bilateral and multilateral agencies such as GTZ, Inter-American Development Bank and ECLAC. She holds a graduate degree in Economics from the University of Tucumán-Argentina, a Masters degree in “Decentralization and Local Development” from the University of the Americas in Ecuador and a degree in pro-poor public budgeting from FLACSO-Mexico.

Dr. Kantha Phavi Ing has been the Minister for Women’s Affairs and Chairwoman of the Cambodian National Council for Women since 2004. In this capacity, she has played a pivotal role in positioning gender equality in national development policies and strategies and was instrumental in developing an effective mechanism for gender mainstreaming at national and sub-national levels. Under her leadership, the Ministry of Women’s Affairs has successfully advocated for legislation such as the amendment of the Land Law and the Law on Decentralization. Dr. Ing previously served as technical adviser at the Ministry of Rural Development where she was responsible for community health and rural economic development programmes including micro-credit. Prior to joining the Cambodian civil service, Dr. Ing was a practicing medical doctor.

Ms. Stephanie Seguino is Professor of Economics at the University of Vermont, USA. She also is a Research Associate at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the University of London, a Research Scholar at the Political Economy Research Institute of the University of

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Massachusetts, Amherst, and an instructor in the African Program for Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE). In addition, Ms. Seguíno is the Associate Editor of *Feminist Economics*, of the *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, and of the *Journal of Post-Keynesian Economics*. Her current research explores the relationship between inequality, growth, and development, and in particular the effect of gender equality on macroeconomic outcomes. Ms. Seguíno is also a former president of the International Association for Feminist Economics.

Mr. Gerhard Steger has been the Director General for Budget and Public Finances of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance since 1997. In this capacity he has led the design and implementation of an extensive federal budget reform that entered into force in 2009 and that introduced performance budgeting and a new national accounting system. Mr. Steger is on the board of several institutions, including the Austrian Federal Financing Agency, and since June 2009, he has been the Chair of the OECD Working Party of Senior Budget Officials. He holds a postdoctoral degree in Political Science from the University of Innsbruck and a PhD in political science and communication from the University of Vienna.