For the past sixty years, the women’s movement and the United Nations have been engaging in a vibrant partnership in the quest for equality and justice. The UN has facilitated women’s work in organizing and strategizing, while women’s ideas have enriched the global organization, transforming the way the world perceives development. A new book in the UN Intellectual History Series, entitled “Women, Development, And the UN” traces the evolution and process in which these two political forces have interacted.

How successful is the women’s movement in advancing women’s rights? Do all women, in both developed and developing countries benefit from the changes? How effective is the current development framework in improving women’s lives? Is it time for the international community to rethink the agenda for women and development? These are some of the questions we will explore with Devaki Jain, the author of the book, in this edition of World Chronicle.