INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2012
“Empower Rural Women – End Hunger and Poverty”
7 March 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Opening
• H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
• H.E. Marjon V. Kamara, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of
  the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations and Chairperson the 56th
  session of the Commission of the Status of Women
• H.E. Mr. Mutlaq Al-Qahtani, Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President of the
  General Assembly of the United Nations (on behalf of the PGA)
• Video message: Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Under Secretary-General and
  Executive Director of UN Women

Panel Discussion
• Ms. Mishkat Al Moumin, Former Minister of Environment in Iraq and
  Founder and Director of the NGO Women and the Environment (tbc).
• Ms. Anne Itto, Former Caretaker Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and
  the current Deputy Secretary General of the Sudan People’s Liberation
  Movement (SPLM) in the Republic of South Sudan.
• Ms. Marina Fe Balmori Durano, Research Coordinator for Political Economy
  of Globalization, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era
  (DAWN), Manila, Philippines.
• Ms. Mirian Masaquiza, Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum
  on Indigenous Issues.
• Ms. Yelena Kudryavtseva, UN Women Sub-regional office for Eastern Europe
  and Central Asia

Moderator
• Ms. Femi Oke, International broadcaster and a correspondent for WNYC
  Radio’s national syndicated news show The Takeaway

Event will be webcast live: www.unwomen.org