

**Interactive Discussion Panel 3**

**Key gender equality issues to be reflected in the post-2015 development framework**

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**Panellists**

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**Ms. Anita Nayar** is a feminist activist and scholar presently engaged in research on the social and ecological consequences of the commercialization of indigenous medicine in India. For the past 15 years she has worked with women's movements, governments and UN agencies to bring a gender perspective on environmental, social and economic issues to bear on inter-governmental negotiations and agreements, as well as national and local policies. She is presently an Executive Committee member of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) and serves as Research Coordinator for Political Ecology issues.

**Discussant**

**Dr. Caren Grown** is Senior Gender Advisor in the USAID Bureau of Policy, Planning and Learning, where she has led efforts to integrate gender equality and female empowerment throughout the agency's policies and programs. Dr. Grown is also Economist-In-Residence at American University, where she co-directs the Program on Gender Analysis in Economics. Formerly, she was Senior Scholar and Co-Director of the Gender Equality and Economy

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