



Invitation to
Women's Major Group Rio+20 Side Event

Roots of Equity

Women creating food sovereignty

13:15 – 14:45 am, Friday 22 June 2012
Barra Arena, UN2, Rio de Janeiro

Preliminary
Programme

13:15 - 13:30 Welcome by organising partners

Welcome by **Christine von Weizsäcker**, President Ecoropa and WECF

Introduction by **Veena Sikri**, Professor, Ford Foundation Chair, Bangladesh Studies Programme & Convener, South Asia Women's Network (SWAN)

13:15 - 13:30 Testimonies from women effected by unsustainable development

Priscilla M Achakpa, Women Environmental Programme, Nigeria – root causes of women's poverty in forest and biodiversity loss

Hortencia Hidalgo Caceres, Chile, professor of biodiversity – protecting biodiversity and women against violence go hand in hand

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13:50 - 14:10 Good practices for sustainable and equitable economies and societies

Lourdes Huanca Atencio, The Defense of the Interests of the People of Moquegua, Peru, Indigenous women's rural leaders

Azra Sayeed, Roots for Equity Pakistan – how women stand up to defend their traditional seeds and cultures in face of corporation selling pesticides and genetically modified plants and trees

Open debate:

what are key areas for post Rio+20 policy and multi-sector initiatives to assure women's rights and safeguards, and support women's sustainable development initiatives

Comments by Member States

Conclusions and summary

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