

Interactive Expert Panel 4

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

**Focus: progress in financing for gender equality from the perspective of international
organizations and multilateral development partners**

Thursday, 1 March 2012, 3 - 6 p.m.

Panellists

Ms. Lydia Alpizar is the Executive Director of the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID). Prior to accepting this position in 2007, she was the manager of two strategic initiatives of AWID: “*Where is the Money for Women’s Rights?*” and “*Building Feminist Movements and Organizations*”. Ms. Alpizar also is the co-founder of the Youth Network for Reproductive and Sexual Rights in Latin American and the Caribbean, and she is on the Board of Directors of the Global Fund for Women and of the Dominican Women’s Fund. Ms. Alpizar is a graduate of the Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University in New York City.

Ms. Patti O’Neill works at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), where she is the Deputy Head of the Development Cooperation Directorate’s Policy Division, and the Principal Coordinator of the DAC Network on Gender Equality (GENDERNET). In this capacity, she has been closely involved with the aid effectiveness agenda – most recently, with the organization of the Busan High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. Prior to joining the OECD in 2004, Ms. O’Neill was the gender equality advisor to New Zealand’s aid programme within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Throughout the 1990s, she held senior positions at the New Zealand Ministry of Women’s Affairs.

Ms. Saraswathi Menon is the Director of the Policy Division of UN Women, the United Nations entity that chairs the United Nations Development Group Task Team on Gender Equality, which is developing a system-wide gender marker. Prior to joining UN Women, Ms. Menon served as Director of the Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and was the elected Chair of the United Nations Evaluations Group, which brings together the heads of evaluation of all United Nations organizations. She had previously worked on UNDP programmes in the Asia-Pacific region, and was a co-author of the first six Human Development Reports published by UNDP. Prior to joining UNDP, Ms. Menon taught sociology at Madras University in India.

Ms. Liane Schalatek is the Associate Director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation North America. She has close to 15 years of experience in global governance, specifically international trade and finance, as well as the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment including through macroeconomic policy. Her current work focuses on international climate finance, with an emphasis on public climate finance flows and on equitable access to climate funding. Ms.

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Ms. Jeni Klugman is the Director of Gender and Development at the World Bank. Prior to taking up this position in August 2011, she was the director and lead author of the Human Development Reports published by UNDP in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Ms. Klugman had previously worked at the World Bank, where she focused on poverty, inequality and human development. She is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Advisory Council on Benchmarking Progress and Advisory Board on Sustainability and Competitiveness, as well as a fellow of the Human Development and Capabilities Association. She holds a PhD in Economics from the Australian National University, and has graduate degrees in development economics, as well as in law, from Oxford University.