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2010 Thematic Discussion

Special policy dialogue

The role of women in countries in special situations

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UN Headquarters, New York**

The special policy dialogue on *countries in special situations* will be held on 30 June 2010 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, during the High-Level Segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council.

There is a disproportionate impact of the current crisis on countries in special situations, such as in Africa, least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs), small island developing states (SIDSs), and post-conflict and post-crisis countries. Crises, ranging from climate change and natural disasters to conflict and economic downturns, severely threaten the path of development and have an unequal impact on the most vulnerable segments of their population, among them many women. As the advancement of gender equality and empowerme

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