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High-level Roundtable B

The implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and its contribution to shaping a gender perspective towards the full realization of the Millennium Development Goals

Monday, 1 March 2010, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Economic and Social Council Chamber (North Lawn Building)

Ms. Lydia Alpízar Durán is the Executive Director of the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), an international feminist membership organization committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women's human rights. Under her leadership, AWID has more than doubled its staff and has grown the scope of its work across six strategic initiatives, including the well-known *International Forum on Women's Rights and Development*. Ms. Alpízar Durán is also currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Global Fund for Women and the Central American Women's Fund, and a member of the International Council of Human Rights Policy. She has a range of experience in UN processes. In 2008, Ms. Alpízar Durán was the Chair of the UN Expert Group in Financing for Gender Equality. She participated actively in youth organizing and mobilization around the Earth Summit process in 1991 and 1992. She facilitated the participation of young women from Latin America in the Beijing '95 process and was actively engaged in all its preparatory process. In 2000, she was the Latin American regional representative to the International NGO Committee for Beijing +5. Ms. Alpízar Durán is a sociologist and has extensive experience in advocacy, research and training on women's human rights, development cooperation, sexual and reproductive rights and violence against women.