

**Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-fourth session
1 – 12 March 2010**

**Interactive expert panel on
“Commemorating 30 years of CEDAW”**

Friday, 5 March 2010, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

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I. Background

2009 marked the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms

III. Format of the interactive expert panel

The panel will take the form of an interactive dialogue. Three expert panellists will make introductory presentations of 10-12 minutes. Member States, United Nations system entities and non-governmental organizations will be encouraged to share their experiences and results achieved, as well as discuss specific challenges, and/or respond to the panellists' presentations. Interventions from the floor will be limited to three minutes. A moderator's summary of the dialogue will be prepared and posted on the website of the Division for the Advancement of Women.

IV. Issues for consideration in the interactive dialogue

The dialogue provides an opportunity to share experiences and discuss strategies for enhanced implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and realization of women's human rights. It also provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of integrated use and implementation of the Convention and the Platform for Action. The following issues could be considered:

- How have the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Platform for Action been used in an integrated way in the promotion of gender equality and the realization of women's rights, and with what results?
- How have the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Platform for Action been used to enhance accountability of different stakeholders for realizing women's human rights?
- What are examples of good practice for using the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women as a basis for legislative and policy development at the national level?
- How have different stakeholders used the Optional Protocol to strengthen implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and realization of women's rights?
- What results have been achieved in using the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in courts to address discrimination against women?