

**Commission on the Status of Women  
52<sup>nd</sup> session  
25 February – 7 March 2008**

**Interactive panel on the theme  
“The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men,  
including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS”**

*Wednesday 27 February 2008, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.*

**Bios of panellists**

1. Ms. Shahra Razavi (UNRISD)
2. Ms. Kristín Ástgeirsdóttir (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland)
3. Mr. Dean Peacock (Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa)
4. Ms. Noerine Kaleeba (TASO-Uganda)

**1. Shahra Razavi, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)**

Shahra Razavi is Research Coordinator at UNRISD since 1993. She specializes in the gender dimensions of social development, with a particular focus on livelihoods and social policies. She has led the Institute's research projects on gender, including Gender, Poverty and Well-Being; Agrarian Change, Gender and Land Rights; Globalization, Export-Oriented Employment for Women and Social Policy; and work on Gender Justice, Development and Rights which was carried out in partnership with the UN Women (UNWOMEN) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

Chairperson of the Parliament's Committee of Social Affairs. During her time as Chairperson of the Committee of Social Affairs both the legislation on Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities for Women and Men and the Government's Plan of Action for the advancement of Women were revised. Ms. Ástgeirsdóttir has delivered several lectures and written several publications.

### **3. Dean Peacock, Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa**

Mr. Dean Peacock is an expert in men and gender equality and HIV/AIDS. He is the Founder and Co-Director of the NGO Sonke Gender Justice located in Cape Town, South Africa. The NGO aims to promote greater collaboration between organizations working on gender and HIV/AIDS and has three main programmes – Women's Health and Rights, Next Generation, Youth Leadership and Men as Partners initiative. Mr. Peacock has extensive policy and consultant experience. He has collaborated with international organizations such as UNDP and