

**Commission on the Status of Women  
Fifty-fifth session  
22 February – 4 March 2011**

**Panel discussion  
The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger  
eradication, development and current challenges**

*Thursday, 24 February 2011, 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.*

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