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Key gender equality issues to be reflected in the post-2015 development framework

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

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There are multiple, overlapping processes that are all winding their way toward imagining what the UN's future development agenda will look like. It has been very challenging to engage strategically in this maze of meetings especially given very limited resources for women's groups to participate meaningfully.

This afternoon I will share some insights from just three processes toward Post 2015 that I have engaged in over the past year as a representative of DAWN, which is a third world feminist network, and in collaboration with global networks like the Women's Major Group and the Women's Coalition for Post 2015. The three engagements are:

- An Expert Group Meeting on Gender Equality in Post 2015 convened by UN Women in November 2012;
- Asia Pacific Regional Dialogue on Post-2015 convened by DAWN, Asia Pacific Gender and Macroeconomic Network and UN Women's Regional Office also in November 2012
- The 20-year review of the UN Conference on Environment and Development or Rio+20 in June 2012, which was an important stepping-stone toward 2015.

At the Expert Group Meeting we agreed that the post-2015 development agenda must move us well beyond current MDG Goal 3.

- It must be situated in a human rights framework, with the full realization of women's rights as a goal in and of itself.
- It must include the elimination of all forms of gender-

On this road to 2015 we need to reclaim as the basis the agreements from the key development conferences of the 1990s when the