INVITATION
Side Event Organized by the Republic of Kenya during the 62\textsuperscript{nd} Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

THE ROLE OF WOMEN AS GOVERNANCE ACTORS: LESSONS FROM KENYA

Date: Monday, March 12, 2018
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 12
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The representation of women in all levels of government varies greatly across the globe. Kenya has made significant progress in increasing the voice of rural women in governance issues. This is largely as a result of the favorable legal and regulatory environment created by Kenya’s Constitution (2010).

This side event will aim to:

- Demonstrate that legal and regulatory frameworks, as enabling factors, can increase the voice of women in governance
- Showcase models that have worked to drive the progress and opportunities for improvement of rural women in governance
- Showcase rural women as actors in overcoming patriarchy which hinders women’s active participation in elective politics
- Demonstrate the benefits of effective partnerships in empowering rural women