Filipino rural women play strategic and important roles in agriculture, fisheries and forestry which are vital forces of economic growth. In times of natural disasters and human-induced crises such as armed conflict, disasters, epidemic diseases, and adverse effects of agri-business plantations, rural women are the most vulnerable and affected.

This side event will highlight salient experiences of Filipino rural women confronting these externalities and exercising their sense of agency, resilience and resistance.

Objectives:
At the end of the session, the following initiatives and alternatives to address these vulnerabilities will be presented and discussed:

a. Philippine government efforts and programs provided for rural women in areas affected by armed conflict, disasters, epidemic diseases, and adverse effects of agri-business plantations;
b. Experiences of rural women’s resilience and resistance to externalities; and

*Proposed Panel of Speakers*

Moderator: **Ms. Maria Corazon Jimenez-Tan**
Undersecretary, National Anti-Poverty Commission

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