Addressing violence and gender inequality by empowering girls from an early age can have a powerful effect not only on girls and women, but also on society at large. Yet too often, girls’ voices are absent and their needs neglected in dialogues and efforts aimed at protecting and empowering women and girls – who make up over half the world’s population.

Join us for a roundtable discussion on the importance of girls in ending violence against girls and women and meeting broader development challenges

Wednesday 11th March 2015
16.45-18.00
UN Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium
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Speakers will include:
- Bineta Diop, AU Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security
- Professor Nkandu Luo, Minister of Gender and Child Development, Zambia
- Baroness Lindsay Northover, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development, United Kingdom
- Hon. Giovanna Martelli, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister for Gender Issues, Italy
- Betty, Youth Advocate, Kenya
- Fatuma Hashi, Director, Gender and Development, World Vision
- Tanya Barron, Chief Executive, Plan UK
- Julia Duncan-Cassell, Minister of Gender and Development, Republic of Liberia

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