**Addressing Women & Poverty: How Far Have We Gone and How Do We Move Forward Beyond 2015?**

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Conference Room 12, UN Conference Building

Women and poverty, identified 20 years ago as a critical area of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action, continues to be one of the biggest challenges that face governments all over the world in their efforts at development. The Philippines and Uruguay face similar challenges as countries from the South, in addressing this area of concern. As such, these countries have come up with their respective responses to women and poverty. This session will bring to the fore those responses, their innovativeness and divergence from traditional anti-poverty measures, their effectiveness in directly addressing the gender dimension of poverty, the continuing challenges in their implementation, and the learnings that need to be carried on as we forge a new development agenda beyond 2015.

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| 1:15-1:20pm   | **Welcome and Introductions**  
Alicia Raymundo, OIC Director, National Anti-Poverty Commission, Office of the President, Republic of the Philippines |
| 1:20 – 1:50pm | **Philippine Policy Initiatives & Experiences on Women and Poverty**  
*Women Economic Empowerment Through Sustainable Community Social Enterprises*  
Raquel Susan V. Obedoza, Development Management Officer, National Anti-Poverty Commission, Office of the President, Republic of the Philippines  
*Conditional Cash Transfer Program and Bottom Up Budgeting Process*  
Natividad Bernardino, Director, National Anti-Poverty Commission, Office of the President, Republic of the Philippines  
*Fulfilling Reproductive Rights, Addressing Poverty*  
Elizabeth Aguiling-Pangalangan, College of Law, University of the Philippines |
| 1:50 – 2:00pm | **Uruguay’s Multi-Dimensional Efforts at Addressing Poverty and Gender Inequality in the Economy**  
H.E. Gonzalo Koncke, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the U.N. |
| 2:00 - 2:10pm | **Discussant’s Input**  
Gita Sen, General Coordinator - Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) |
| 2:10 – 2:25pm | **Open Forum** |
| 2:25 – 2:30pm | **Synthesis and Acknowledgments**  
Florencia Casanova Dorotan, Undersecretary and Deputy Director-General, National Anti-Poverty Commission  
Office of the President, Republic of the Philippines |