

ECOSOC AMR Panel
**Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regards to gender equality
and empowerment of women**

Tuesday, 9 March 2010, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Panellists

1. **Ms. Gita Sen** is a professor at the Centre for Public Policy at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore and Adjunct Professor of Global Health and Population at the Harvard School of Public Health. Ms. Sen is a leading academic and policy analyst with numerous publications in a broad range of gender and development issues including health, population, labor and the political economy of globalization. She was a co-coordinator of the Women and Gender Equity Knowledge Network and co-responsible for a 2007 report to the World Health Organization's Independent Commission on Social Determinants of Health. She is a member of the Governing Council of the United Nations University and Co-chair of the Technical Advisory Group on Gender Equality and Health at the Pan American Health Organization. Ms. Sen is a member of the editorial boards of numerous international journals including the Journal of Human Development, Gender and Development and Gender, Technology and Development. She received the Volvo Environment Prize in 1994 and has been awarded honorary doctorates by the University of East Anglia, the Karolinska Institute, and the Open University (U.K).

2. **Ms. Agnes Quisumbing** is a senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington, D.C. She previously worked at the University of the Philippines, Diliman and Los Baños; the World Bank; Yale University; and the International Rice Research Institute. Ms. Quisumbing is an expert in poverty, gender issues, property rights, and economic mobility. She leads research analyzing the factors that lift individuals, households, and communities out of poverty over the long term. She is beginning a new research program focusing on how strengthening women's control of assets can lead to better development outcomes. Her research has concentrated on policies in countries and regions worldwide including Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Guatemala, and South Africa. She has also worked on women's land rights in Ghana, the Philippines, and Indonesia and is currently involved in longitudinal studies in Bangladesh and Guatemala.

3. **Ms. Leymah Roberta Gbowee** is the executive director of the Women Peace and Security Network Africa, based in Accra, Ghana. She is a founding member and former coordinator of the Women in Peacebuilding Program/West African Network for Peacebuilding (WIPNET/WANEP). During her tenure as coordinator for WIPNET/WANEP, Ms. Gbowee organized collaborative peace-building initiatives for a network of women peace builders from nine of Liberia's 15 counties. She served as the commissioner-designate for the Liberia Truth and Reconciliation Commission and has been a member of several regional and international panels, including UNIFEM's "Women and the Disarmament, Demobilization, Reintegration and Repatriation (DDRR) Process". She briefed the United Nations Security Council on women, peace, and security. In 2007, she received the Blue Ribbon Peace Award from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. In 2009, Ms. Gbowee and the women of Liberia were awarded the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award by the Kennedy Library Foundation. Ms. Gbowee is the central character of the award-winning documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell."