



Invitation to Side Event

Violence - Ecologies - Livelihoods Feminists Confronting Unsustainable Development

During the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) – 57th Session

Thursday, March 7th 2013

10:30 -12:00 PM

Location: 1st Floor Chapel, Church Centre for the UN
777 United Nations Plaza NY 10017 New York, USA

Aim and focus of the event

Given the focus of the 57th CSW on violence against women and girls, this side event will examine the various forms of violence resulting from unsustainable development and related environmental degradation. Speakers will share experiences of violations against women's human rights in contexts of land grabbing, mining, nuclear contamination, and disasters, and propose measures to achieve sustainable development and eliminate violence against women.

Opening by moderator, **Sascha Gabizon**, WECF International, Netherlands

- **Norma Maldonado**, Asociacion Raxch' och' Oxlaju Aj (Tierra Verde, Green Earth), **Guatemala**: "Indigenous women creating alternatives to extractive industries"
- **Isis Alvarez**, Global Forest Coalition, **Colombia**: "Impacts of (large scale) biofuel production on indigenous and forest-dependent women in Latin America and Africa"
- **Elina Doszhanova**, Executive Director of Social-Ecological Fund NGF, EcoForum NGO, **Kazakhstan**: "Nuclear weapons testing and uranium mining harming Kazakh women and their communities"
- **Noelene Nabulivou**, Executive Committee Member, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), **Fiji**: "Catastrophic consequences of land/ocean mining and transformative responses in the Pacific"
- **Caroline Usikpedo-Omoniye**, Niger Delta Women's Movement for Peace and Development, **Nigeria**, "Extractive industries breaching the human right to life – women call for action"
- **Contributions from other regions** including from the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), **NY**

Organizer:



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Respondent: UN agency representative(s) TBC

Dialogue with representatives of government and civil society representatives

This event is organized by the following **Women's Major Group** members:

WEDO Women's Environment and Development Organization, USA

WECF Women in Europe for a Common Future, Netherlands/Germany/France

DAWN Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, Philippines

GFC Global Forest Coalition, Paraguay

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Please confirm your participation with the organisers.

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