

Women Major Group – multistakeholder dialogue on Partnerships 11 May 2010

I am privileged to be given opportunity to address this august assembly on behalf of the Women Major Group.

We Women's Major Group iterates that, there should be consultation and participation of local community using appropriate language, translations and independent advisors as an added value of partnerships.

The provision of data on social, economic and environmental health issues on partnerships to access its upward or downward trends and necessary advancements made.

To ensure a success of a multistakeholder partnership there is the need for gender mainstreaming for women, youth, stakeholders vulnerable understand their rights with regard to a particular partnership.

The role of Women at communities where implementation is taking place is to have a say on how resources will be shared. Women Groups in such communities get a fair share and also be part of decisions about the partnership.

Gender mainstreaming activities within communities to improve the low level of grassroots' participation and wider partnership.

On a more pro- active approach to faster partnerships, we propose a more radical political and financial support, and the willingness and commitment of the Governments of member states and the full integration of women.

Local women affected by any partnerships should really be involved in decisions. So far we must state that we are not convinced about current partnerships of CSD that will indeed bring about sustainable development.

Treaties and conventions are binding to signatories, so there should be strict adherence to all signatories.

The CSD should work with such Governments, the private sector, and civil society, women organizations among others to plan and implement voluntary partnerships that promote economic growth, social development and environmental health.

We hope to see a type of partnership with incorporates business organizations in which multiple individuals are indeed described as partners.