



International Women's Day Commemorative Event
United Nations Country Team, Sri Lanka and
UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

FRIDAY, 07 MARCH 2008

CINNAMON GRAND HOTEL, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

- 09:30-10:00 **International Women's Day "Financing for Gender Equity"**
Welcome Address by Mr. Neil Buhne, UN Resident Coordinator
Video Address by Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary General
Message by Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT
- 10:00-10:10 **Gender and Rights-Responsive Sustainable Cities Award**
Address by Mr. Jan, Meeuwissen, Senior Human Settlements Officer,
UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)
- 10:10-10:20 **Awards Conferral: Civil Society Organization (CSO) Award**
Awardee for Excellence:
Sri Lanka Women's Development Service Cooperative Society,
Limited, *Sri Lanka*
Awardee for Innovation:
Fund for the Encouragement of Self-Reliance (FESR), *Vietnam*
Awardee for Innovation:
Association for Community Development (ACD), *Bangladesh*
- 10:20-10:30 **Awards Conferral: Individual Award**
Awardee for Excellence:
Ms. Helen Hakena, *Papua New Guinea*
Executive Director, Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency
Awardee for Innovation:
Ms. Salima Sarwar, *Bangladesh*
Executive Director, Association for Community Development (ACD)
- 10:30-10:40 **Question and Answer Session for the Press**
- 10:40-11:00 **Tea Break**
- 11:00-12:30 **Financing for Gender Equity, *programmes in parallel***
Session A: National Level - "Women Speak Out"
A conversation with outstanding women from different fields
Session B: Community Level - "Communities Building Change"
Presentations on excellence and innovative grassroots initiatives
by UN-HABITAT Awardees
- 12:30-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-14:30 **Plenary session:**
Reports from "Session A: National Level" and "Session B: Community
Level"
- 14:30-16:30 **Partnering for Gender and Rights-Responsive Sustainable Cities**
Facilitated by:
1) Mr. Lalith Lankatilleke, Senior Human Settlements Officer,
UN-HABITAT ROAP
2) Ms. Lowie Rosales, Human Settlements Officer
Gender Focal Point, UN-HABITAT ROAP

*We will take a look at the basic rights to decision-making and how
changes can occur through economic empowerment. Through this
workshop with international, national, academic, local and grass-
roots partners, we will take a look at the gains and challenges of
multi-stakeholder partners in financing gender equity and building
communities..*
- 16:30-17:00 **Closing Session and Evening Tea**