



Transforming Women's Leadership throughout the World

A Forum on the Empowerment of Women

Monday - 12 November 2012

1:15 - 2:45 PM

United Nations Church Center

777 UN Plaza, 11th Floor - Harding Room

(44th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues)

The 6th Annual Conference on Women's Empowerment is sponsored by -
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In July, 2010, the annual high-level meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) concluded with Member States stressing the need for greater investment in women and girls and outlining concrete steps to advance **gender equality** and **empower women**. While this is the specific target of Millennium Development Goal #3, it is well recognized that the role of women will be important to the achievement of all eight goals and especially critical for achieving goals 1,2, 4, and 5.

Throughout the world women are stepping up and assuming more leadership roles. In many cases, it may be the first time a woman has served in this kind of a role. Whether these new roles for women are at high organizational, or grassroots levels, they come with their own **challenges** and **opportunities**.

Come share in the discussion. Hear about successes and challenges. Learn about strategies and share from your own experience. The speakers will speak briefly to introduce the topic and give some perspectives, but this forum will rely on the participation of the audience. **This not-for-women-only session** invites men to join the group to hear perspectives that you may not be used to hearing and to open your mind to possible new ways of thinking.

Introduction and welcome: **Sharon Hamilton-Getz**, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns - NY

Moderator: **Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury**, former Under-Secretary General and High Representative of the UN

Join **Monika Mitchell**, Good Business International and **Sharon Hamilton-Getz**, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns - NY, in an open discussion as they explore the challenges today's women face as they become more involved in leadership positions in business, communities, politics and government throughout the world..

UN Staff, Missions, NGOs, Corporate and Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs are invited. Those wishing to attend should send a Registration request **no later than 11 November**.