



On the occasion of the 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the  
Status of Women  
please join us for a panel discussion on

## **Girls Grow: A Vital Force in Rural Economies**

with

**Catherine Bertini**

Chair, Chicago Council on Global Affairs Girls in Rural Economies  
Project

**H.E. Dr. Agnes M. Kalibata (invited)**

Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda

and representatives from

**The United Nations Adolescent Girls Task Force**

moderated by

**Maureen Greenwood-Basken**

Executive Director, Reproductive Health Initiatives, United Nations  
Foundation

Thursday, March 1, 2012

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

The Church Center for the United Nations  
777 First Avenue at 44th Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY

A light lunch will be served.

Some of the most marginalized adolescent girls in the world live in rural areas. When an adolescent girl is educated, healthy, skilled, and empowered, she can reach incredible heights and become a pillar in her society. She is more likely to tap into her full potential and invest in her family, community, and beyond.

This panel will explore how empowering rural adolescent girls spurs economic and social growth and how to best address the triple disadvantages of location, age, and gender unique to rural adolescent girls.

This panel is open to the public.

Please direct all questions to: [events@unfoundation.org](mailto:events@unfoundation.org)