

**WORKING WOMEN'S EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND TREATMENT
FROM BEIJING 1995 TO MDGs 2010 TO REAL GENDER EQUALITY
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Short Biographies of Panellists

Morten Wetland

- Took up his appointment as Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations in New York in August 2008
- Was previously State Secretary at the office of the Norwegian Prime Minister, Jens Stoltenberg
- He has also been State Secretary to the former Prime Minister of Norway, Dr. Gro H. Brundtland, as well as her campaign manager for her candidature to become Director-General of the WHO (1998)
- From 1998 to 2003 he served as Norway's Ambassador to Germany

Harriet Luyima

- Acting Commissioner for Employment Services in the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development; Uganda
- Has been part of the efforts aimed at improving the status of women in the world of work through labour legislation and policies
- Recent work has been chairing of a National Tripartite Task Force on the development of labour regulations and in particular, Sexual Harassment Complaints Procedure at the Workplace

Maria Fernanda Garza

- Vice-President of Masco Mexico
- Board Member of Coparmex (Mexico's Employers' Confederation) since 1991, and first woman to run for Presidency of an employers' organization in 2009
- Board Member of Mexican Alliance for Corporate Responsibility and International Chamber of Commerce, Mexico

Barbara Byers

- Activist in the trade union and feminist movements for 30+ years
- Elected Executive Vice President of the Canadian Labour Congress in 2002 and re-elected in 2005 and 2008 (one of her duties is Officer responsible for women's equality issues)
- Member of the ILO Governing Body since November 2002, and Worker Spokesperson at the 2009 ILC Committee on Gender Equality