

**Towards a Sustainable Future for All Women and Girls:  
Combatting Poverty and Promoting Gender Equality  
A Data and Policy Perspective**

Background:

Based on latest available data for 2013, an estimated 767 million people lived below the international poverty line of \$1.90 a day down from 1.7 billion people in 1999. The figure reflects a decrease in the global poverty rate from 28 per cent in 1999 to 11-2(a)4(b)-10(l)-2(e)4( da)

A Special Event of the Second Committee 72

UN-Women will convene a special event to present the findings from this joint research/analysis with the World Bank. The presentation of the data will be followed by a discussion on relevant policy responses, including presentations from leading researchers and policy experts on innovative policy solutions that have had an impact on reducing poverty rates and contributed substantively to gender equality and empowerment of women and girls.

Moderator:

Phumzile Mlambe-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of UN Women

Panelists