

**“In Times of Crisis:
Making Budgets Work for Children, Women and the MDGs”**

**A Panel Discussion Organized by UNICEF and UNIFEM as
Side Event at the Follow Up International Conference on Financing for Development**

**Sunday, 30 November 2008
10:00am-12:00pm**

Dukhan Room, Hotel Sheraton Doha, Qatar

I. Introduction (10.00-10.15)

- 10:00 – 10:05** **Welcome, Context and Expectations**
Ms. Hilde Johnson
Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
- 10:05 – 10:10** **Introducing the Participants**
Ms. Joanne Sandler
Deputy Executive Director, UNIFEM
- 10:10 – 10:15** **Remarks from the Moderator**
Mr. Sanjeev Gupta
Senior Adviser, IMF

II. Panel Discussion (10.15-11.30)

- 10:15 – 10:35** **Understanding Experience So Far – Highlights on Four Countries**
H.E. Dr. Maria Elsa Viteri, TBC
Minister of Economy and Finance, Republic of Ecuador
Dr. Edward Sambili, Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Planning, Republic of Kenya
Mr. Xu Gang
*Division Director, Social Security Department, Ministry of Finance, People’s
Republic of China*
Mr. Saif.Eddine Senouci
*Head of Section, Budget Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance,
Kingdom of Morocco*
- 10:35 – 11:30** **In Times of Crisis – What Role for Social and Gender Budgeting?**
A moderated discussion
Panelists and Side Event participants

III. Conclusions (11.30-11.45)

- 11:30 – 11:40** **Lessons Learnt from the Discussion - Mr. Sanjeev Gupta**
11:40 – 11:45 **Concluding Remarks by Ms. Hilde Johnson**

IV. Time Reserved for Networking on Budgeting Initiatives (11.45-12.00)