



Invitation to  
**Women's Major Group Rio+20 Side Event**

## Roots of Equity Women creating food sovereignty

13:15 – 14:45 am, Friday 22 June 2012  
Barra Arena, UN2, Rio de Janeiro

Preliminary  
**Programme**

**13:15 - 13:30**      **Welcome by organising partners**

Welcome by **Sascha Gabizon**, Executive Director WECF, organising partner of the Women's Major Group Rio+20

Introduction by **Anita Nayar**, Development Alternative with Women for a New era – DAWN, organising partner of the Women's Major Group Rio+20

**13:15 - 13:30**      **Testimonies from women affected by unsustainable development**

**Azra Sayeed**, Roots for Equity Pakistan – how women stand up to defend their traditional seeds and cultures in face of corporation selling pesticides and genetically modified plants and trees

**Isis Alvarez**, Why indigenous women have called to boycott REDD+ schemes, the example of the Ciapas Forests in Mexico and the negative effects on women's food sovereignty

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# Women Rio+20



**Zimbabwe, Papua New Guinea, India and Republic of Guinee**, case studies of landgrabbing and women's organisations claiming land and creating food sovereignty

## Open debate:

what are key areas for post Rio+20 policy and multi-sector initiatives to assure women's rights and safeguards, and support women's sustainable development initiatives

## Conclusions and summary

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