

Beyond MDG 2 – what's next?

Enhancing the quality of education to achieve gender equality and development

Swedish side event CSW 55

What are the key factors that enhance quality in education and promote gender equality and development?

What actions should various stakeholders (governments, NGOs, UN bodies and other actors) take in order to achieve quality education for all, including a gender equality perspective?

Opening speech

Swedish Minister for Gender Equality, Deputy Minister for Education, Ms Nyamko Sabuni

Panel discussion

Ms Carol Bellamy, Chair of the Education for All Fast Track Initiative *Ms Johanna Fogelström*, Head of Cabinet, The Swedish Committee for Afghanistan *Ms Susan Durston*, Global Chief of Education, UNICEF *Mr Vernor Munôz*, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education 2004–2010

Moderator *Ms Åsa Regnér*, Secretary General, The Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU)

Date and venue: 13.15–14.30, 22 February 2011, Conference Room B in the new part of the UN building (North Lawn Building)

Background

There is plenty of clear evidence that access to education leads to better health and reduced poverty. This is especially clear if one adopts a gender equality perspective. Educated women are less likely to die in childbirth, are less susceptible to disease, have children later