



High-level Political Forum 2015 (under the auspices of ECOSOC): Panel discussion: “Supporting national action through the high-level political forum outcomes”.

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Hello, this is Nausheen from Bangladesh and I represent Khan Foundation, a member of the Women’s Major Group. I have a response to the comments made by Mr Manish Bapna. I agree that Bangladesh has made tremendous progress in the area of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, but at the same time, there are several challenges that need to be highlighted and addressed urgently. During climate change related disasters and such, it is very important to collect disaggregated data, and I will focus particularly on gender, because from our studies from the grassroots level, we found that women are disproportionately affected by such disasters with increased risk to gender based violence and limitations to access to specific health services including Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and Services. Additionally, with regards to the national climate change funds, it is extremely important to bring in transparency and accountability on how these funds are managed. The HLPF can support coherence with the Sendai outcome on disaster risk reduction. I would like to hear the reflections of the panel members on how they envision the HLPF will/can support and ensure capacity building for data collection and analysis, as well as ensure governance of national funds.