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Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing + 15)

16 – 18 November 2009
Banjul, the Gambia

Draft Annotated Agenda

Sunday, 15 November

Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (agenda item 1)

The Committee will meet to review the modalities for:

- *Organizing the Eighth Regional Conference*
- *Informal consultations on the new Bureau*

Meeting with Facilitators, Rapporteurs and Panelists for the Breakout Group sessions during the Expert Meeting (agenda item 2)

Each Breakout Group will have a Facilitator and a Rapporteur

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Registration

Meeting of Member State Heads of Delegation of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD) for consultations to elect the CWD bureau as well as the Bureau of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women(Beijing +15) (agenda item 3)

Opening of the meeting (agenda item 4)

- ***Welcoming Statement by Ms Lalla Ben Barka, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA***
- ***Opening Remarks by the African Union Commission (AUC)***
- ***Statement by Ms. Chinwe Dike, United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative, the Gambia***
- ***Opening Statement by a Representative of the Government of the Gambia***

Election of the Bureau (agenda item 5)

Adoption of the draft Agenda and the draft Programme of Work (agenda item 6)

- ***The draft Agenda and the draft Work Programme of the Expert Session of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15) will be presented by the Chair, discussed and adopted***
- ***Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD)***

Presentation of the new structure of the CWD (agenda item 7)

- ***Dr. Monique Rakotomalala, Director of the African Centre for Gender and Social Development Division (ACGSD) will present the new structure following remarks by the Chair of the CWD (agenda item 8)***
- ***The CWD session will focus on the restructured CWD. National gender experts will have an opportunity to discuss the proceedings of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+15)***

Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Section's Progress Report for the 2008-2009 Biennium (agenda item 9)

Ms. Emelang Leteane, Social Affairs Officer ACGSD will present the Progress Report.

Discussion

Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Work Programme and Priorities for the 2010-2011 Biennium (agenda item 10)

Mr. Omar I. Abdourahman, Economic Affairs Officer of ACGSD will present the Work Programme and Priorities

Discussion

Presentation on the Beijing+ 15 process (agenda item 11)

Ms Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Chief of the Gender and Women in Development (GWID) Section of ACGSD will share the review process undertaken by ECA

Presentation of the synthesis report of Beijing +15 (agenda item 12)

Ms Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Chief of GWID will present the Beijing+15 Regional Report which is based on findings from responses to the Beijing +15 questionnaire

Discussion

Presentation by Civil Society (agenda item 13)

A representative of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) will make a presentation

Presentation of modalities for group discussions (agenda item 14)

Ms Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Chief Section of GWID will present modalities to guide group discussions

Discussion

Start of Group Session discussions

Groups will discuss acceleration of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

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Group Session discussions continued

Report back from groups (agenda item 15)

Group Rapporteurs will present reports to plenary for discussion and amendments as needed

Discussion and Adoption of the Outcomes of group discussions (agenda item 16)

The plenary will adopt the composite recommendations emanating from the group discussions as outcomes which will form the report to be presented to the Ministers, highlighting acceleration of the Beijing Platform for Action

Presentation of the draft Programme of the Ministerial Session of the 8th Africa Regional Conference on Women for the Second mid-Decade Review of the Implementation of the Dakar and Beijing Platforms for Action

Ms. Emelang Leteane, Social Affairs Officer of ACGSD will present the draft Agenda and the draft Work Programme of the Ministerial Session

General Discussion

Presentation on Africa-Wide Campaign on Violence Against Women (VAW)
(agenda item 17)

UNIFEM will present the overall goal, objectives and planned activities of the Campaign

Discussions on the Campaign

Side events

Wednesday, 18 November 2009

Consideration and adoption of the Beijing +15 Report of the Expert Meeting of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15)

The Rapporteur will present the report for adoption

Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Ministerial Statement (agenda item 19)

The Rapporteur will present the Draft Ministerial Statement for adoption

Any other Business (agenda item 20)

Closing of the Meeting (agenda item 21)

Closing remarks by:

- ***Ms Lalla Ben Barka , Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA***
- ***Chair of the Bureau of Experts***
- ***Representative of the Government of the Gambia***