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Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing + 15)

16 – 18 November 2009
Banjul, the Gambia

Draft Combined Programme of Work

Sunday, 15 November 2009

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee of the Africa-wide Campaign on Violence Against Women (*detailed activities will be presented separately*)
- 2 – 4 p.m. Registration
- 4 – 5 p.m. Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women. The Committee will meet to review the modalities for:
- *Organizing the Eighth Regional Conference*
 - *Election of the Bureau*
- 5 – 6 p.m. Meeting with Facilitators, Rapporteurs and Panelists for the Breakout Group sessions during the expert meeting

Each Breakout Group will have a Facilitator and a Rapporteur

Monday, 16 November 2009

- 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. 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)

- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Opening of the CWD and the Expert session of the Eighth Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+15)
- *Welcoming Statement by Ms Lalla Ben Barka, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA*
 - *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*
- 10:15 – 10:25 a.m. Election of the Bureau
- 10:25 – 10:40 a.m. Adoption of the draft Agenda and the draft Programme of Work
- The Agenda and 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*
- 10:40 – 10:45 a.m. Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD)
- 10: 45 – 11 a.m. Presentation of the new structure of the CWD
- *Dr. Monique Rakotomalala, Director of the African Centre for Gender and Social Development (ACGSD) will present the new structure.*
 - *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)*
- 11 – 11:15 a.m. **Tea Break**
- 11:15- 11:30 a.m. Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Section's Progress Report for the 2008-2009 Biennium
- Ms. Emelang Leteane, Social Affairs Officer of ACGSD will present the Progress Report*
- 11:30 – 12 noon Discussion
- 12 – 12:15 p.m. Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Work Programme and Priorities for the 2010-2011 Biennium
- Mr. Omar I. Abdourahman, Economic Affairs Officer of ACGSD will present the Work Programme and Priorities*
- 12:15 – 1 p.m. Discussion
- 1 – 2 p.m. **Lunch Break**

- 2 – 2:15 p.m. Presentation on the Beijing+ 15 process
Ms Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Chief of the Gender and Women in Development (GWID) Section of ACGSD will share the review process undertaken by ECA
- 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Presentation of the synthesis report of Beijing +15
Ms Thokozile Ruzvidzo will share the review process undertaken by ECA
- 2:45 – 3:30 p.m. Discussion
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. **Tea break**
- 3:45 – 4 p.m. Presentation by Civil Society
A representative of Civil Society Organizations will make a presentation
- 4 – 4:15 p.m. Presentation of modalities for group discussions
Ms Thokozile Ruzvidzo will present modalities to guide group discussions
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Discussion
- 4:45 – 7 p.m. Start of Group Sessions
Groups will discuss acceleration of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Tuesday, 17 November 2009

- 8:30 – 10.00 a.m. Group Sessions continued
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Tea Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Report back from groups
Group Rapporteurs will present reports to plenary for discussion and amendments as needed
- 1 – 2 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 2 – 3 p.m. Discussion and Adoption of Outcomes of group discussion
The plenary will adopt the composite recommendations emanating from the group discussion as outcomes to form the report to be presented to the Ministers, highlighting acceleration of the Beijing Platform for Action

- 3 – 3:15 p.m. Presentation of the draft Programme of the Ministerial Session of the Eighth 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
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. General Discussion
- 3:30 – 3.45 p.m. Presentation on Africa-Wide Campaign on Violence Against Women (VAW)
UNIFEM will present the overall goal, objectives and planned activities of the Campaign
- 3:45- 4.10 p.m. Discussion on the Campaign
- 4:10 - 4:30 p.m. **Tea break**
- 4:30 – 7 p.m. Side events

Wednesday, 18 November 2009

- 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)**

Theme: CEDAW Alive in Women's Lives!

Programme of the CEDAW Commemoration

- 9 – 9:20 a.m. Opening Ceremony
Opening statements will be made by:
- *Ms. Micheline Ravolononarisa, Chief of Africa Section, UNIFEM HQ (5 min)*
 - *Representative of OHCHR (5 min)*
 - *Ms Lalla Ben Barka , Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA(5 min)*
 - *The African Union Commission (5 min)*
 - *A Representative of Women's Rights advocacy groups (5 min)*
- 9:20 – 9:35 a.m. **Celebrating Women's empowerment (Poem/ music)**
- 9:35 –9:42 a.m. **Opening statement by Vice President of the Republic of the Gambia (7 min)**
- 9:42 – 10:05 a.m. **Key Note address by Vice President of the Republic of Malawi (20 min)**
- 10:05 – 10:25 a.m. **Tea Break**

- 10:25 – 10:45 a.m. CEDAW changing lives- Positive stories of three African women on the impact of CEDAW on their lives
- 10:45-11:05 a.m. Presentation on the challenges of implementing CEDAW and opportunities for CEDAW as a tool for addressing emerging issues (CEDAW Committee member to be identified by OHCHR)
- 11:05 – 12:15 p.m. Discussion on the “Way forward”
- 12:15- 12:30 p.m. Closing remarks:
- *Special Rapporteur on Women’s Rights, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights*
 - *Litha Musiyimi-Ogana, Director of the Women, Gender and Development Directorate, African Union Commission*
- 12:30- 2 p.m. **Lunch and Celebration**
- 2 – 4 p.m. Side/special events
Round Table meeting on Women in politics (in collaboration with UNDP (the detailed activities will be presented separately). This will last from 2-4:00 p.m.
- 4 – 4:30 p.m. **Tea Break**
- 4:30 – 6 p.m. 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
- 6 – 6:30 p.m. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Ministerial Statement
The Rapporteur will present the statement for adoption
- 6:30 - 6:45 p.m. Any other Business
- 6:45 – 7:15 p.m. Closing of the Meeting
The following persons will make closing remarks:
- *Ms Lalla Ben Barka, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA*
 - *Chair of the Bureau of Experts*
 - *A Representative of the Government of the Gambia*