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Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing + 15)

16 – 18 November 2009
Banjul, the Gambia

Draft Programme of Work

Sunday, 15 November 2009

- 4 – 5 p.m. Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women
- 5 – 6 p.m. Meeting with Facilitators, Rapporteurs and Panelists for the Breakout Group sessions during the expert meeting

Monday, 16 November 2009

- 8 – 9 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Meeting of Member States Heads of Delegation of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD) for consultations to elect the CWD bureau (also the Bureau of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+15))
- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Opening of the CWD and the Expert session of the 8th Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+15)
- 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
- 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
- 11 – 11:15 a.m. **Tea Break**
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Section's Progress Report of the 2008-2009 Biennium
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Programme of Work of the 2010-2011 Biennium
- 12:15 – 1 p.m. Discussion
- 1 – 2 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 2 – 2:15 p.m. Presentation on the Beijing+ 15 process
- 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Presentation of the synthesis report of Beijing+15
- 2:45 – 3:30 p.m. Discussion
- 3:30 - 3:45 p.m. **Tea break**
- 3:45 – 4 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Civil Society
- 4 – 4:15 p.m. Presentation of modalities for group discussions
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Discussion
- 4.45 – 7 p.m. Start of Group Sessions

Tuesday, 17 November 2009

- 8:30 – 10 a.m. Group Sessions continued
- 10 – 10:30 a.m. **Tea Break**
- 10:30 a.m. 1 p.m. Report back from groups
- 1 – 2 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 2 – 3 p.m. Discussion and Adoption of the Outcomes of group discussion
- 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

- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. General Discussion
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Presentation on the Africa-Wide Campaign on Violence Against Women (VAW)
- 3:45 - 4:10 p.m. Discussions on the Campaign
- 4:10 - 4:30 p.m. **Tea break**
- 4:30 – 7 p.m. Side events

Wednesday, 18 November 2009

- 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)
- 6 – 6:30 p.m. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Ministerial Statement
- 6:30 - 6:45 p.m. Any other Business
- 6:45 – 7:15 p.m. Closing of the Meeting