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Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing + 15)

19 – 20 November 2009
Banjul, the Gambia

Draft Combined Programme of Work

Thursday, 19 November 2009

- 9 – 10 a.m. Opening of the Conference
- *Statement by Mr. Abdoulie Jannah, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa*
 - *His Excellency Jean Ping, Chairperson, African Union Commission (AUC) Statement by Ms. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator*
 - *Statement by Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Advisor on Gender Issues*
 - *Official Opening by Her Excellency Isatou Njie-Saidy, Vice-President of the Gambia*
- 10 – 10:30 a.m. **Tea break**
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Election of the Bureau
- 10:45 – 11 a.m. Adoption of the draft Agenda and the draft Programme of Work
- The draft agenda and draft programme of work of the Ministerial session of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+15) will be presented by the Chair, discussed and adopted*

- 11 – 11:45 a.m. Presentation of the Beijing +15 Report adopted by the Experts
The Rapporteur will present for consideration by Honourable Ministers the main conclusions of the Beijing+15 regional review report
- 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Discussion
Ministers will review the Beijing +15 Report adopted by the Experts at their session of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+15)
- 1 – 2:30 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Discussion (continued)
- 3:30 – 4 p.m. **Tea break**
- 5 – 5:30 p.m. Press Conference
- 7 – 10 p.m. Reception hosted by Government of the Gambia

Friday, 20 November 2009

- 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Launching of the African Women's Report (AWR)
ECA will present the African Women's Report
- 11: 30 a.m. – 12:00 **Tea Break**
- 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. Special events
- 4 – 4:30 p.m. **Tea Break**
- 4:30 – 6:15 p.m. Consideration and adoption of final reports:
The Rapporteur will present the Africa review report in two components:
i) The Africa Beijing +15 Review report
ii) Ministerial Statement
- 6:15 – 7 p.m. Closing of the Conference
Remarks by:
i) Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
ii) His Excellency Jean Ping, Chairperson, African Union Commission (AUC)
iii) CWD Chairperson
iv) Her Excellency Isatou Njie-Saidy, Vice-President of the Gambia
- 7 – 7:30 p.m. Press Conference