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16–18 November 2009
Banjul, the Gambia

Draft Provisional Agenda

1. Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women
2. Meeting with Facilitators, Rapporteurs and Panelists for the Breakout Group sessions during the expert meeting
3. 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)
4. Opening of the CWD and the Expert session of the 8th Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+15)
5. Election of the Bureau
6. Adoption of the draft Agenda and draft Programme of Work
7. Presentation of the new structure of the CWD
8. Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD)
9. Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Section's Progress Report of the 2008-2009 Biennium
10. Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Programme of Work of the 2010-2011 Biennium

11. Presentation on the Beijing+15 process
12. Presentation of the synthesis report of Beijing+15
13. Presentation by Civil Society
14. Presentation of modalities for group discussions
15. Report back from groups
16. Discussion and Adoption of the Outcomes of group discussion
17. Presentation on Africa-Wide Campaign on Violence Against Women (VAW)
18. Consideration and adoption of the Beijing +15 Report of the Expert Meeting of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+15)
19. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Ministerial Statement
20. Any Other Business
21. Closing of the Meeting