

**Judicial Colloquium on the Application of International Human Rights Law at the
Domestic Level**

Nassau, The Bahamas

17-19 May 2004

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday 17 May 2004

8.00 – 9.00 am

Registration

9.00 – 10.00 am

Opening statements

Ms. Christine Brautigam

Chief, Women's Rights Section

Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations

*The Honourable Melanie S Griffin, Minister of Social
Services and Community Development, The Bahamas*

*The Honourable Alfred A Sears, Attorney-General and
Minister of Education, The Bahamas*

*Ms Barbara Burrows, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of
Social Services and Community Development, The
Bahamas*

10.00 – 10.30 am

Introduction of participants and expectations

10.30 – 10.45 am

Tea

10.45 am – 12.15 pm

**International Human Rights Law and the Convention
on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
Against Women**

**Meaning and Scope of Equality and Non-
Discrimination in the Convention**

Christine Brautigam

*Saras Jagwanth, Technical Adviser, Division for the
Advancement of Women, United Nations*

- 12.15 -1.00 pm **Equality Case-Studies and Scenarios**
Christine Brautigam
Saras Jagwanth
- 1.00 – 2.30 pm **Lunch**
- 2.30 – 4.30 pm **Keynote Presentation and Discussion: Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations**
The Hon. Judge Desiree Bernard, Chancellor of the Judiciary, Court of Appeal, Guyana
- Tuesday 18 May 2004*
- 8.45 – 9.00 am **Introduction and Establishment of Working Groups**
- 9.00 – 11.00 am ***Parallel Working Groups on Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations**
 Specific issues and topics that will be discussed in the working groups will be largely determined by the interests of the group. Some suggested topics are: women’s right to nationality and the acquisition of citizenship; family responsibility, child support and maintenance; custody, access and the best interests of the child. Participants who have focused their written contributions on this theme will be invited to make short presentations.
- 11.00 - 11.15 am **Tea**
- 11.15 – 12.00 pm **Report Back from Working Groups on Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations**
- 12.00 – 12.15 pm **Wrap-up and Concluding Comments**
The Hon. Justice Desiree Bernard
- 12.15 – 1.45 pm **Lunch**
- 1.45 – 3.45 pm **Keynote Presentation and Discussion: Violence Against Women**
The Hon. Justice Sujata Manohar, Justice of the Supreme Court of India (retired)
- 3.45 – 4. 30 pm **The Caribbean Law Reform Initiative on Violence Against Women**
Ms Tracy Robinson, University of the West Indies

