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United Nations  
Division for the Advancement of Women  
Expert Group Meeting on “The impact of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action  
on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals”  
United Nations Office at Geneva  
11-13 November, 2009

## **PROGRAMME OF WORK**

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Wednesday, 11 November 2009

Plenary Session

- 9:00 a.m.** Registration of participants (experts and observers)
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** Opening
- Welcome from United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
**Patrice Robineau**, Senior Adviser to the Executive Secretary, UN-Economic Commission for Europe
- Message from **Carolyn Hannan**, Director  
Division for the Advancement of Women/Department of  
Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Introduction to the Expert group Meeting  
**Christine Brautigam**, Senior Social Affairs Officer  
Division for the Advancement of Women.
- Introduction of experts, election of officers, review of programme  
of work and information on working methods
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Presentation of background paper
- Jayati Ghosh, Consultant**  
The impact of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for  
Action on the full achievement of the MDGs  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/BP.1)
- Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.** **Panel 1:**  
**POVERTY AND HUNGER – MDG1**  
**Beijing Platform for Action:**  
**A. Women and poverty and F. Women and the economy**
- Presentations by experts and discussion
- Susana Lastarria-Cornhiel**  
The role of agriculture and equal access to resources, including  
land and property, in tackling hunger and poverty  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.1)

**Verena Schmidt**

Equal access to full employment and decent work as a poverty reduction strategy  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.2)

12:45 p.m. –  
2:15 p.m.

**Lunch**

2:15 p.m. –  
3:00 p.m.

**Panel 2:**

**EDUCATION – MDG2 and MDG3**

**Beijing Platform for Action: B. Education and training of women, L. The girl-child, and J. Women and the media**

Presentations by experts and discussion

**Elaine Unterhalter**

Access and participation of women and girls to education and training  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.3)

**Eva Rathgeber**

Women and girls in science and technology: Increasing opportunities in education, research and employment  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.4)

3:00 p.m. –  
4:00 p.m.

**Panel 3:**

**HEALTH – MDG4, MDG5 and MDG6**

**Beijing Platform for Action: C. women and health and L. The girl-child (also parts of critical areas D, F and G)**

Presentations by experts and discussion

**Piroska Östlin**

Transforming health systems and services for women and girls  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.5)

**Tomris Türmen**

Achieving maternal and reproductive health  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.6)

**Presenter pending**

The gender dimensions of HIV prevention treatment and care  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.7)

**3:45/4:00 p.m. –  
4:15 p.m.**

**Break**

**4:15 p.m. –  
5:15 p.m.**

**Panel 4:  
ENVIRONMENT - MDG7  
Beijing Platform for Action: K. Women and the environment**

Presentations by experts and discussion

**Rachel Nampinga**  
Addressing climate change from a gender perspective  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.8)

**Agnes Kabajuni**  
Attention to gender equality in efforts to improve the lives of slum  
dwellers/to address the gender dimensions of urbanization  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.9)

**Panel 5:  
FINANCING – MDG8  
Beijing Platform for Action: Chapter 6 and cross-cutting all  
critical areas (see also strategic objectives A1 and G1)**

**Marzia Fontana**  
Implications of current trade policies, reforms and agreements on  
poverty reduction among women  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.10)

**5:15 p.m. –  
6:00 p.m.**

General discussion – summary of main points

**6:00 p.m.**

Adjournment

### **Thursday 12 November 2009**

**9:00 a.m.**

Summary of Day 1 by Rapporteur  
Introduction to work by Chairperson

**9:30 a.m. –  
11:00 a.m.**

Presentations by United Nations country teams and discussion  
**Ecuador, Ethiopia, Mauritius**  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/GPP.1)  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/GPP.2)  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/GPP.3)

**11:00 a.m. –  
11:30 a.m.**

**Break**

**11:30 a.m. –  
12:00 p.m.**

**Panel 4 (continuation)  
ENVIRONMENT - MDG7  
Beijing Platform for Action: K. Women and the environment**

Presentation by expert and discussion

**Joyti Parikh**

The gender dimensions of sustainable energy, climate change and natural resources management  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.11)

**12.00 p.m. –  
1:00 p.m.**

Establishment of working groups

**1:00 p.m. –  
2:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**2:30 p.m. –  
5:30 p.m.**

Working groups

**5:30 p.m. –  
6:00 p.m.**

Report back to Plenary from working groups

**6.00 p.m.**

Adjournment

**Friday, 13 November 2009**

**9:00 a.m. –  
9:30 a.m.**

Plenary – reports back  
Working groups – finalize inputs/drafting of report

**9:30 a.m. –  
1:00 p.m.**

Continuation of working groups / drafting of report

**1:00 p.m. –  
2:30 p.m.**

Lunch

**2.00 p.m. –  
3:45 p.m.**

Consolidation of working group inputs and presentation and discussion of final report

**3:45 p.m. –  
4:00 p.m.**

Break

**4:00 p.m. –  
5:30 p.m.**

Adoption of final report

**6:00 p.m.**

Closing