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Division for the Advancement of Women  
Expert Consultation on the 2009 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development:  
“Women’s control over economic resources and access to financial resources, including  
microfinance”  
Bangkok, Thailand  
12-14 November, 2008

## **PROGRAMME OF WORK**

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**Wednesday, 12 November 2008**

- 08:30 a.m. Registration of participants
- 09:30 a.m. Opening Session
- Welcoming Address
- Thelma Kay**, Chief, Social Development Division of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Introduction to the Expert Consultation
- Carolyn Hannan**, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women
- 10:00 a.m. Introduction of experts and review of programme of work
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation of concept paper
- Naila Kabeer**, *Consultant: Conceptual framework for the World Survey — Equality, rights and empowerment* [EC/WSRWD/2008/CP.1]
- Open discussion
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 02:00 p.m. Presentations by experts and open discussion
- Theme 1: Economic empowerment of women, macroeconomic policies, poverty and trade**
- Zo Randriamaro** (Madagascar): *Trade, poverty and women's economic empowerment in Sub-Saharan Africa* [EC/WSRWD/2008/EP.1]
- 03:15 p.m. Break
- 03:45 p.m. Presentation by experts and open discussion
- Theme 1 (cont.): Economic empowerment of women, macroeconomic policies, poverty and trade**
- Sarojini Ganju Thakur** (India): *Towards women's economic empowerment- enhancing women's control over economic resources* [EC/WSRWD/2008/EP.2]

05:00 p.m. Closing of meeting - Day 1

**Thursday, 13 November 2008**

08:30 a.m. Summary of Day 1  
**Naila Kabeer**, *Consultant*

09:00 a.m. Presentation by experts and open discussion  
**Theme 2: Economic empowerment of women, labour markets and foreign direct investment**  
  
**Elissa Braunstein** (US): *Women's employment, empowerment and globalization: an economic perspective* [EC/WSRWD/2008/EP.3]

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Presentation by experts and open discussion  
**Theme 3: Economic empowerment of women and gender-responsive budgeting**  
  
**Edward Mhina** (Tanzania): *Women's control over economic resources and access to financial resources: A case on strengthening the business environment in Tanzania* [EC/WSRWD/2008/EP.4]

12:00 p.m. Lunch

01:30 p.m. Presentations by experts and open discussion  
**Theme 4: Economic empowerment of women, agriculture and food security**  
  
**María Soledad Parada** (Chile): *Rural women in Latin America and their access to economic resources* [EC/WSRWD/2008/EP.5]

02:45 p.m. Break

03:15 p.m. Presentation by experts and open discussion  
**Theme 5: Economic empowerment of women and the informal sector**  
  
**Poonsap Tulaphan** (Thailand): *Economic empowerment for women in the informal economy in Thailand* [EC/WSRWD/2008/EP.6]

05:00 p.m. Closing of meeting - Day 2

**Friday, 14 November 2008**

08:30 a.m. Summary of Day 2  
**Naila Kabeer, Consultant**

09:00 a.m. Presentation by experts and open discussion  
  
**Shamika Sirimanne**, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP): *Gender inequality continues at great cost*

**Marie Sicat**, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP): *Establishment of sustainable e-business and network for green coop enterprises for women in rural communities*

10:45 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Presentation of draft outline of the 2009 World Survey  
**Naila Kabeer, Consultant**

Open discussion

12:30 p.m. Lunch

02:00 p.m. Open discussion (cont.)

03:15 p.m. Break

03:45 p.m. Closing Session

Concluding comments by **Naila Kabeer**

Follow-up to the Expert Consultation by **Carolyn Hannan**,  
Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women

05:00 p.m. Closing of meeting