

Provisional Agenda and Annotations

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- 3. Millennium Development Goals.**
- 4. Follow-up to inter-sessional activities:**
 - (a) Women, peace and security;**
 - (b) Gender mainstreaming in programme budgets;**
 - (c) Gender and financing for development;**
 - (d) Gender and information and communication technologies;**
 - (e) Mainstreaming of a gender perspective in common country assessments and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework;**
 - (f) Database activities including WomenWatch;**
 - (g) Working methods and the link between CEB and the Network;**
 - (h) Report on progress of the Regional Commissions’ project on tools and indicators;**
 - (i) African Gender and Development Index.**
- 5. Human resources and the improvement of the status of women in the UN system.**
- 6. Matters related to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.**
- 7. Workshop on strategies for incorporating gender perspectives into the preparatory processes of major international conferences, summits and special sessions as well as their follow-up.**
- 8. Other matters.**
 - (a) Financial and human resources for gender equality;**
- 9. Adoption of the report, including dates and provisional agenda for the next session.**

Annotations

Item 1: Opening of the session and adoption of agenda

Ms. Angela E.V. King, Chairperson of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality, will make an opening statement and review the Meeting's work programme for the session.

Documentation:

- Provisional agenda and annotations (IANWGE/2003/1)
- Proposed programme of work (IANWGE/2003/2)
- List of documents (IANWGE/2003/3)

Item 2: Integrated and coordinated follow-up to Beijing, the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly on “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century” and major conferences as they relate to the MDGs, the UN reform process and the ten-year review of the Platform for Action

Under this item, members will be invited to make suggestions on the future work of the Network. Rather than presenting information on activities undertaken by each entity, members are encouraged to identify issues that require interventions from the UN system and issues that need to be addressed in the follow-up to the Beijing, the twenty-third special session of the GA, the MDGs and the UN reform process.

Documentation for information:

- United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/RES/55/2)
- Road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/56/326)
- Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change – Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/387)

Item 3: Millennium Development Goals

First, this item will look at the MDGs from a gender perspective. Second, there will be a discussion on what individual entity has been doing to bring attention to the gender aspects of the MDGs. Third, members will be invited to suggest how the Network can collaborate on this matter including the preparation of briefing notes on the goals which can be widely disseminated.

Item 4: Follow-up to inter-sessional activities

Item 4 consists of eight sub-items. It is proposed that the sub-items are introduced and discussed briefly in plenary to identify the types of decisions that have to be taken. Working groups could then elaborate further actions and prepare draft decisions and report back to plenary for decision by the Network.

(a) Women, peace and security

In 2002, IANWGE requested the Task Force on Women, Peace and Security to finalize and disseminate the Secretary-General's study on Women, Peace and Security. The study was completed and released in October 2002. Based on its findings, the SG presented the report on women, peace and security to the Security Council during an open debate on 28 October 2002 (S/2002/1154).

The Network will be briefed on the Secretary-General's study, the SG report and the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2002/32) adopted on 31 October 2002, as well as on the plans to implement the recommendations and for follow-up. The item will be discussed in a small working group.

Documentation:

- Report of the Task Manager OSAGI on Women, peace and security (IANWGE/2003/4)

Documentation for information:

- Women, Peace and Security – Study submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)(Published October 2002)
- Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security (S/2002/1154)
- Statement by the President of the Security Council, 31 October 2002 (S/PRST/2002/32)
- Action Plan – System-wide implementation plan for Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)

(b) Gender mainstreaming in programme budgets

At the first session of IANWGE in 2002, the decision was taken to implement additional case studies on mainstreaming gender perspectives in programme budgets. Four case studies covering UNDP, WFP, UNHCR and ITC are underway. An overall report on the status of gender mainstreaming in programme budgets is under preparation and will be available when the final case studies have been completed. Upon completion of the case studies, a workshop, presenting the findings and recommendations of the work of the Task Force will be organized in New York for Gender Focal Points and Budget Officers.

The Task Force will complete its activities after finalizing the case studies as well as the workshop.

Documentation:

- Report of the Task Manager OSAGI on Gender mainstreaming in budget processes (IANWGE/2003/5)

(c) Gender and financing for development

The Network, at its session in 2002, entrusted the Task Force to finalize and disseminate the report from the Day of Dialogue, which was held prior to the International Conference on Financing for Development in Monterrey. The report from the Day of Dialogue as well as from the panel on gender mainstreaming in national budget processes have been completed. A section on WomenWatch provides links to work being undertaken on gender and macro-economics throughout the system.

The Task Force successfully incorporated their documents into the CD-Rom produced by the Financing for Development secretariat.

The Task Force will cease to exist upon completion of the ongoing activities.

The Network had proposed the development of smaller networks of entities in the system directly engaged with issues on the financing for development agenda. All Members in the Network were encouraged to investigate possibilities for engaging in the follow-up within their entities.

Documentation:

- Report of the Task Manager OSAGI on Gender and financing for development (IANWGE/2003/6)

Documentation for information:

- CD-Rom
- Report from the Day of Dialogue
- Report on the panel on gender mainstreaming in programme budgets

(d) Gender and information and communications technologies

At the IANWGE 2002, the Meeting entrusted the ITU to serve as Task Manager to concentrate on the preparation for the World Summit on the Information Society 2003. A special session on WSIS was held on 14 June 2002. The session approved a recommendation, which included gender aspects and established a Working Group on Gender Issues (WGGI)/WSIS Coordination Committee.

The Task Manager will brief the Network on the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for WSIS held from 1 to 5 July 2002; the Regional Preparatory Conferences in Bamako in May 2002 and in Bucharest in November 2002; PrepCom 2, which will be held in Geneva from 17 to 28 February 2003 as well as other regional preparatory meetings in Japan and Santo Domingo in addition to the above-mentioned special session. A discussion will follow after the presentations. This item will be discussed in a small working group in the afternoon of 25 February.

Documentation:

- Report of the Task Manager ITU on Gender and information and communication technologies (IANWGE/2003/7)

Documentation for information:

- Recommendation on including gender into the WSIS process, 16 June 2002 (IANWGE/2003/INF.)
- The Compendium of projects on gender and ICTs (IANWGE/2003/INF.)

(e) Mainstreaming of a gender perspective in common country assessments (CCA) and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF)

Since the last meeting of the IANWGE, the Task Force has concentrated on reviewing and finalizing the Desk Review of Gender Mainstreaming in CCA/UNDAF processes. The Desk Review has been finalized. The Task Force met on 27 November 2002 and discussed how best they could use the study and incorporate its recommendations into the CCA/UNDAF.

The Task Manager, UNIFEM will brief the Network on the Desk Review and the follow-up activities, which were discussed during the Task Force meeting.

Documentation:

- Report of the Task Manager UNIFEM on Gender mainstreaming in the CCA/UNDAF process (IANWGE/2003/8)

Documentation for information:

- Desk Review – Gender mainstreaming in the CCA and UNDAF processes

(f) Database activities including WomenWatch

At the session of the IANWGE 2002, the Network agreed to expand the membership of the WomenWatch Committee. The first meeting with the new membership will be held during a lunch break on 24 February 2003 to discuss the management plan, a strategy for dissemination of information on WomenWatch throughout the UN including the showcasing of WomenWatch at the WSIS. The outcome of the meeting will be presented at the IANWGE meeting.

The Committee has developed a proposal for funding to be submitted to donors. The technical activities as outlined in the report to the IANWGE 2002 are being implemented.

Documentation:

- Report of the Task Manager DAW on the WomenWatch Committee (IANWGE/2003/9)

(g) Working methods and the link between CEB and the Network

The Network has decided to establish a new Task Force at its first session in 2003 in order to institute a new relationship between CEB and the Network. The Task Force, through the Chair of the Network, sent letters to the Chairs of HLCP and HLCM, the subsidiaries of CEB, to inform about the decisions of the Network where they were asked to incorporate gender perspectives into the course of their activities.

The Task Force will present a proposal on modalities to collaborate with CEB to the IANWGE meeting 2003, which will be discussed with the members of the Network at the meeting.

The schedule for the next meetings of CEB, HLCP and HLCM are as follows:

CEB: Spring session, 25-26 April 2003, UNESCO, Paris

HLCP: Retreat, 27 February – 1 March 2003, New York

Fifth session, 27–28 March 2003, IFAD, Rome

HLCM: To be determined

Documentation:

- Report of the Task Manager OSAGI on Working methods and the link between CEB and the Network (IANWGE/2003/10)

(h) Report on progress of the Regional Commissions' project on tools and indicators

At the IANWGE 2002, the Network recognized that the project on data collection and use of gender indicators for policy making evolved successfully. Although the Task Force completed its activities, the Network recommended that the five regional commissions pursue the project. ECLAC has taken up the role as a coordinator.

ECLAC will brief on the follow-up activities including a technical workshop held in New York in March 2002 as well as on efforts made by ECE, ESCAP, ESCWA and ECA.

Documentation:

- Report of the Regional Commissions, coordinated by ECLAC on project on tools and indicators (IANWGE/2003/11)

(i) Report on progress of “The African Gender and Development Index

As a further initiative building on sub-item 4(h). ECA will brief the Network.

Item 5: Human resources and the improvement of the status of women in the UN system

Under this item, there will be a presentation of system-wide gender statistics and negative and positive trends by HLCM/Human Resources Network. WFP will then talk about WFP's initiatives on gender sensitive staffing, including the achievements and challenges. A discussion will follow after the presentation with a focus on whether challenges should be brought to the attention of HLCM.

Item 6: Matters related to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The Division for the Advancement of Women will present matters related to the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003) as well as the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (twenty-seventh session, 3-21 June 2002; Exceptional session, 5-23 August 2002; and twenty-eighth session, 13-31 January 2003).

Documentation for information:

- Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (E/CN.6/2003/1)

Item 7: Workshop on strategies for incorporating gender perspectives into the preparatory processes of major international conferences, summits and special sessions as well as their follow-up

At the IANWGE 2002, the Network decided to hold a workshop on strategies for incorporating gender perspectives into the preparatory processes of major international conferences, summits and special sessions as well as their follow-up.

The workshop will take place on 26 February (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.).

The agenda for the workshop is contained in the annex.

Item 8: Other matters

Under this item, there will be a discussion on (a) financial and human resources for gender equality.

Item 9: Adoption of the report, including dates and provisional agenda for the next session

The Network will adopt its report, including its decisions and procedures for preparing the next session of the Network in 2004. Taking into consideration the proposed dates for the forty-eighth session of the CSW (1-12 March 2004), the Network may decide to hold its next session from 23 to 26 February 2004.

In preparing the provisional agenda for its session in 2004, attention is drawn to the fact that some of the Network's ongoing tasks might be concluded at the present session (including Gender and Financing for Development). The Network may wish to decide upon new tasks and on inter-sessional preparations by task managers and working groups.