Gender and financing for development

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Gender and Financing for Development

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Mandate

The Network proposed the following workplan for the taskforce:

- Finalize and launch the report from the Day of Dialogue. The existing task force will be dismantled.
- Create a section on WomenWatch to provide links to work being undertaken on gender and macroeconomics generally, as well as specifically in relation to follow-up to the International Conference.
- Propose to the OECD/DAC Working Party on Gender Equality that the next joint workshop (scheduled for 2003) should be on "Staying Engaged with Gender and Financing for Development".

Intersessional activities

The taskforce met once following the Monterrey Conference and has undertaken all other work throughout the year electronically, in accordance with the guidelines for the work of the IANWGE.

The taskforce finalized the preparation of the report from the Day of Dialogue, as well as the proceedings of the panel on gender mainstreaming in national budgets held prior to the Monterrey Conference (January 2002). These documents have been broadly disseminated.

In addition, the taskforce arranged for the two basic documents on gender and financing for development prepared by the taskforce: one providing an analysis of the gender perspectives on the issues on the financing for development agenda; and one listing the existing mandates for gender mainstreaming in these areas, to be included in the CD-rom prepared by the FfD Secretariat.

Preparations were begun to develop a feature page on WomenWatch which could provide links to work being undertaken on gender and macroeconomics generally, as well as specifically in relation to follow-up to the Monterrey Conference.

Discussions were held with representatives of the OECD/DAC on the proposal made at the last session of the Network that the next joint workshop could focus on "Staying Engaged With Gender and Financing for Development". The Working Party does not feel that it has expertise to bring to this topic and would prefer to discuss alternatives.

Outputs

- Report from the Day of Dialogue on Gender and Financing for Development (February 2002)
- Proceedings of the Panel on Gender Mainstreaming in National Budgets (January 2002)
- Inputs into CD-rom
- Feature page on Gender and Financing for Develoment under development on WomenWatch.

All outputs of the Taskforce are available on the IANWGE website.

Lessons learned

Follow-up to the conference, particularly in those UN entities working on the issues raised in the conference - such as UNCTAD, WTO, World Bank, IMF, ILO, UNDP and the regional commissions - will be critical for ensuring consolidation of the awareness raising and important changes in policies and programmes.

The Network at its last session made several suggestions for action outside the context of the taskforce. It recommended that individual Members in the Network should investigate all possibilities for engaging in the follow-up within their entities. Collaboration of non-gender specialists should be fostered.

In addition, it was suggested that the existing network on trade, composed of ITC, UNCTAD and ECE, could focus its work on the follow-up to the international conference, and that similar small networks on debt, FDI, etc could be established. It was further suggested that these networks could work collaboratively and support each other through exchange of materials and information.

Individual entities may wish to provide information on steps taken in their own organizations, or in the context of networks

Activities for the future

The taskforce is finalizing its work with the presentation of this report to the Network.