PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 26 November 2001

8.30 am - 9.30 am  Registration

9.30 am - 10.30 am  Official opening of the meeting:

Message from:
Ms. Angela E.V. King, Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, United Nations

Mrs. Najma Heptulla, Deputy Chairman, Parliament of India

Ms. Brenda Gael McSweeney, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative

Dr. R.V. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, Secretary, Department of WCD, MHRD

10.30 am - 11.00 am  Coffee break

11.00 am - 11.15 pm  Election of officers
Adoption of programme of work

11.15 pm - 1.00 pm  Presentation by Justice Sujata Manohar
Presentations by UN entities:
Ms. K. Menon-Sen, UNDP (7-10 minutes)
Ms. R. Balakrishnan, FAO (7-10 minutes)
Presentation of background paper by the consultant:
Ms. S. Razavi, UNRISD (20-30 minutes)

General discussion

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm  Lunch

2.30 pm - 4.00 pm  Presentations on topic 1: “Globalization and poverty among women” (each presentation 7-10 minutes)
Ms. B. Agarwal
Ms. S. Esim
Ms. K. Gopal
Ms. S. Bisnath
4.00 pm - 4.30 pm  Coffee break

4.30 pm - 6.00 pm  Working groups
Working group I on topic: “Labour market changes and female employment”
Working group II on topic: “Social policy and gender”

7.30 pm  Dinner hosted by Dr. R.V. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, Secretary, Ministry of Human Resources Development

**Tuesday, 27 November 2001**

9.00 am - 11.00 am  Discussion of policy recommendations
Working group I: “Labour market changes and female employment”
Working group II: “Social policy and gender”

11.00 am - 11.30 am  Coffee break

11.30 am - 1.00 am  Presentation of reports from working groups I and II on topic 1 “Globalization and poverty among women”

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm  Lunch

2.30 pm - 4.00 pm  Presentations on topic 2: “A transformative concept of empowerment strategy to eradicate poverty” (each presentation 7-10 minutes).
Mr. P.G. Dhar Chakraborti
Ms. N. Strandberg
Ms. J. Anderson
Mr. S. Sirivardana
Ms. S. Saadallah

General discussion

4.00 pm - 4.30 pm  Coffee break

4.30 pm - 6.00 pm  Working groups
Working group I on topic: “Main principles and key elements of a transformative concept of empowerment”
Working group II on topic: “How globalization can enhance empowerment of women”

7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Presentation by observers. (5 minutes each)

Wednesday, 28 November 2001

9.00 am - 10.30 am Discussion of policy recommendations
Working group I : “Main principles and key elements of transformative concept of empowerment”
Working group II : “How globalization can enhance empowerment of women”

10.30 am - 11.00 am Coffee break

11.30 am - 1.00 pm Presentation of reports from working groups I and II on topic 2 “A transformative concept of empowerment strategy to eradicate poverty”
General discussion

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm Lunch

2.30 pm - 4.00 pm Drafting groups on topic 1 and topic 2

4.00 pm - 4.30 pm Coffee break

4.30 pm - 6.30 pm Drafting groups on topic 1 and topic 2
Consolidation of the report

8.00 pm Dinner hosted by H.E. Mrs. Sumitra Mahajan, Minister of State for Women and Child Development

Thursday, 29 November 2001

9.00 am - 10.00 am Introduction of the draft report

10.00 am - 11.00 am Launch of Swayamsidha - a programme for Empowerment of Women
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