United Nations  
Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)  
in collaboration with UNICEF  
Expert Group Meeting  
Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence  
Against the girl child  
UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre  
Florence, Italy, 25-28 September 2006

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 25 September 2006

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration of participants

9:30 – 9:35 a.m. Welcoming remarks by Ms. Marta Santos-Pais, Director, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

9:35 – 9:50 a.m. Opening statement by Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

9:50 – 10:10 a.m. Introduction to the meeting, election of officers, adoption of the programme of work

10:10 – 10:40 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. –12:30 p.m. Session I: Introduction to the theme

Presentation of the background paper  
Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child, Prof. Savitri Goonesekere, consultant

Presentation of the report of the online discussion on Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child, Mr. Christoph Schuepp, consultant

Ms. Noreen Khan and Ms. Mima Perisic (UNICEF)  
Voices of youth – Girls about girls

Discussion

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch break
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  **Session II: Protection of the girl child from discrimination and violence**

Ms. Moushira Khattab (Egypt), Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child  
*Full protection of the girl child through effective legislation and enforcement*

Ms. Shamima Ali (Fiji)  
*Violence against the girl child from in the Pacific Islands region*

Ms. Berhane Ras-Work (Ethiopia)  
*The impact of harmful traditional practices on the girl child*

Discussion

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.  **Break**

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  **Session III: Girls in especially vulnerable situations**

Ms. Judith Bruce (United States)  
*Social and Economic Development and Reproductive Health of Vulnerable Adolescent Girls*

Ms. Dyan Mazurana (United States)  
*The girl child and armed conflict: Recognizing and addressing grave violations of girls’ human rights*

Ms. Cecilia Flores-Oebanda (Philippines)  
*Addressing vulnerability and exploitation of child domestic workers: An open challenge to end a hidden shame*

Discussion

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  Welcome reception hosted by UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

*Tuesday, 26 September 2006*

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.  Welcome statement by Ms. Rima Salah, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.  Summary of Day 1 by Rapporteur
9:30 – 10:50 a.m.  Session III (continued)

Ms. Busakorn Suriyasarn (Thailand)
*From the kitchen to the classroom: Call for political commitment and empowerment to get girls out of child domestic labour and into school*

Ms. Teresita Silva (Philippines)
*Girl children in vulnerable situations*

Discussion

10:50 - 11:20 a.m.  **Break**

11:20 a.m. – 1:20 p.m. Session IV: Empowerment of the girl child

Ms. Fatuma Chege (Kenya)
*Teacher identities and empowerment of girls against sexual violence*

Nicole Bidegain (Uruguay)
*Girl child empowerment: A challenge for all*

Mr. Gary Barker (United States)
*Engaging boys and men to empower girls: Reflections from practice and evidence of impact*

Discussion

1:20 – 2.50 p.m.  **Lunch break**

2:50 – 4:10 p.m.  Session IV (continued)

Ms. Biljana Brankovic (Serbia)
*“Boys’ mind, girls’ heart”: Barriers to the realization of potential in gifted girls – responding to challenges*

Ms. Shahira Fawzy (Egypt)
*Socioeconomic empowerment: A route towards equality of the girl child*

Discussion

4:10 – 4:40 p.m.  **Break**
4:40 – 6:40 p.m.  Session V: Institutional arrangements for the promotion of elimination of discrimination against the girl child

Mr. Gareth Jones (UNICEF)
*Gender statistics and existing evidence*

Ms. Daniela Zapata (Bolivia)
*Counting invisible workers: Girls in domestic activities within their homes*

Ms. Christina Nomdo (South Africa)
*Improving the quality of life for the girl child by using child rights and gender-sensitive budgeting: Perspectives from South Africa*

Discussion

**Wednesday, 27 September 2006**

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Summary of discussion by the Rapporteur

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.  Establishment of working groups

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  Working groups

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  **Break**

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.  Working groups continued

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  **Lunch break**

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  Working groups continued

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.  **Break**

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  Adoption of structure of expert report proposed by the Rapporteur / Establishment of drafting committee

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  Working groups continued / Group drafting of report

**Thursday, 28 September 2006**

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  Working groups – finalize inputs / Group drafting of report

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.  **Break**
Consolidation of working group inputs into one overall report by the Rapporteur

11:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  Distribution of overall report to participants
Participants provide written comments to drafting committee
Officers provide comments to each working group
Each working group integrates participants’ and officers’ comments and finalizes group inputs (**including lunch break**)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  Rapporteur consolidates revised working group inputs into draft report

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.  **Break**

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  Presentation and adoption of draft report in plenary

5:30 – 5:45 p.m.  Closing remarks by Ms. Marta Santos-Pais, Executive Director, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director