

**United Nations
Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)
Expert Group Meeting
Enhancing Participation of Women in Development
through an Enabling Environment
for Achieving Gender Equality and
the Advancement of Women
Bangkok, Thailand, 8-11 November 2005**

PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK

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Tuesday, 8 November 2005

United Nations Conference Centre, ESCAP

- 8:00-8:30 p.m. Registration of participants
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Opening of the meeting
- Message from Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Opening statement by ESCAP representative
- Introduction of experts and other participants
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 p.m.** Election of officers and adoption of the programme of work
- Introduction to the meeting by a representative of DAW
- 10:45 – 12:00 p.m.** Presentation of Background Paper by Rachel Masika, Consultant to DAW
- Discussion
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Presentations by experts
- Ms Nuket Kardam (Turkey)
- Organizational and institutional change strategies that can transform the environment to enable the realization of women's participation in development, with a focus on education*
- Ms Akanksha Marphatia (USA)
- The impact of education policies and reforms of educational systems on women's participation in education*
- Discussion
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30 – 6:00 p.m** Presentations by experts (ctd)

Ms Genoveva Tisheva (Bulgaria)

Legal and regulatory frameworks that provide women equal access to rights and opportunities and the role of women's organizations in this area (plus intergenerational issue)

Ms Farzana Bari (Pakistan)

Women's political participation at community and national levels (linked to work/economical status)

Ms Keiso Matashane-Marite (Lesotho)

Women's rights and participation, including women's access to land and inheritance issues, and the role of lobbying and grassroots organizations

Discussion

Wednesday, 9 November 2005

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Presentations by experts (ctd.)

Ms Lynn Thiesmeyer (USA)

Gender and Human Security: Interlinkages between health and community development and women's access to basic resources

Ms Pascale Allotey (Australia)

The impact of health policies and health sector reform on the readiness of health systems to respond to women's health with a special focus on the rights and needs of refugees and displaced populations

Discussion

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 p.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presentations by experts (ctd.)

Ms Stella Neema (Uganda)

The impact of health policies and health sector reform on the readiness of health systems to respond to women's health, with a special focus on reproductive health, reproductive rights and HIV/AIDS

Discussion

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Presentations by experts (ctd)
- Ms Lucia Margarita Zambrano (Colombia)
- The impact of employment policies on women's participation in development with reference to ILO's concept of "decent work" and women's participation in development frameworks*
- Ms Froniga Greig (UK/Australia)
- The impact of globalization and employment policies on women's participation in development*
- Discussion
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** Presentations by experts (ctd)
- Ms Nona Arce Londonio (Philippines)
- Micro-finance and women's organizing in the informal sector*
- Presentations by observers (tbd)
- Discussion
- 5 – 6:00 p.m.** Establishment of working groups on different issues - working groups to continue at Royal Princess Hotel in the evening

Thursday, 10 November 2005

- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** Working groups
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Working groups, followed by meeting of the drafting committee
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.** Feedback from the working groups to plenary
- Discussion
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Completion of recommendations by the drafting committee
Work to continue in the evening at Royal Princess Hotel as necessary

Friday 11 November

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Presentation and discussion of draft report and recommendations
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Adoption of final report and recommendations
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Closing session
	End of Expert Group Meeting