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
Final
Tuesday, 8 November 2005

United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), ESCAP

8:00-8:30 p.m. Registration of participants

**8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Opening of the meeting

Opening statement by ESCAP Representative, Ms. Thelma Kay, Director, Emerging Social Issues Division

Message from Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, Presented by Ms. Sylvie I. Cohen, Deputy Director, Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)

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 Ms. Rachel Masika, Consultant to DAW

Discussion

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Presentations by experts

Ms Akanksha Marphatia (USA)  
*Creating An Enabling Environment For Girls And Women’s Participation In Education*

Ms Nüket Kardam (Turkey)  
*Gender And Institutions: Creating An Enabling Environment*  

Discussion

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 – 6:00 p.m

Presentations by experts (ctd)

Ms Genoveva Tisheva (Bulgaria)       EP.5

Creating An Enabling Environment For Women’s Participation In Development Through Legal And Regulatory Frameworks That Provide Women Equal Access To Rights And Opportunities In The Fields Of Education, Work, And Health: Challenges And Recommendations And The Role Of Women’s Ngos

Ms Keiso Matashane-Marite (Lesotho)       EP.3

Women’s Rights And Participation, Including Women’s Access To Land And Inheritance Issues, And The Role Of Lobbying And Grassroots Organizations In Lesotho

Ms Farzana Bari (Pakistan)       EP.12

Women’s Political Participation: Issues And Challenges

Discussion

Wednesday, 9 November 2005

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Presentations by experts (ctd.)

Zoya A. Khotkina (Russia)       EP.10

The Impact Of Macro-Economic Policies And Economies In Transition On Women’s Employment, Including In The Informal Sector

Ms Lucia Margarita Zambrano (Colombia)       EP.1

Decent Work And Gender Equality: Participation Of Women Workers In Development Frameworks

Ms Froniga Greig (UK/Australia)       EP.4

The Impact Of Globalization And Employment Policies On Women’s Participation In Development

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 p.m.     Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Presentations by experts (ctd.)

Ms Nona Arce Londonio (Philippines)       EP.6

Bayaniham Banking Programme: A Little Answer To The Gargantuan Problem Of Poverty Of The City Of Pasay
Discussion

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Presentations by experts (ctd)

Ms Lynn Thiesmeyer (USA)    EP.2

*Gender, Public Health and Human Security Policy in Asia*

Ms Pascale Allotey (Australia)    EP.7

*Does Primary Health Care Still Have A Currency In Improving Sexual And Reproductive Health?*

Ms Stella Neema (Uganda)    EP.11

*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*

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Discussion

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Presentations by observers (tbd)

Ms Hoa Phuong Tran    OP.1

*Gender- The View From Below*

Discussion

5 – 6:00 p.m.

Establishment of working groups on different issues -

7:30 p.m.

Group Dinner

**Thursday, 10 November 2005**

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Working groups (UNCC)

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Working groups (UNCC), 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. Drafting Committee works on draft report. Work to continue in the evening at Royal Princess Hotel, as necessary.

Friday 11 November

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Drafting Committee work continues to work on draft report.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presentation and discussion of draft report and recommendations.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Adoption of final report and recommendations.

3:00-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Closing session

End of Expert Group Meeting