United Nations
Division for the Advancement of Women
Expert Group Meeting on Financing for gender equality
and the empowerment of women
Oslo, Norway
4-7 September 2007

PROGRAMME OF WORK

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Expert Group Meeting
Financing for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
will take place in the “Kavalersalen” meeting room in Lysebu

Tuesday, 4 September 2007

**Plenary Session**

8:00 a.m.  Registration of participants (experts and observers)

9:00 a.m.  Opening Statements

H.E. Guro K. Vikør, Ambassador, Women's Rights and Gender Equality, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women

9:30 a.m.  Introduction of experts, election of officers and review of programme of work and information on working methods

10:00 a.m.  Presentation of background paper

Consultant’s background paper: **Isabella Bakker**
Overview of financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women: paradoxes and possibilities
[EGM/FFGE/2007/BP.1]

Open discussion

10:45 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m.  Presentations by experts and open discussion

**Theme 1: Macroeconomic policy and financing for development**

**Gemma Adaba** (Trinidad and Tobago); Financing decent work for women [EGM/FFGE/2007/EP.1]

**Pawadee Tonguthai** (Thailand); Financing for development, gender equality and the follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus [EGM/FFGE/2007/EP.2]

12:30 p.m.  Lunch
2:00 p.m. Presentations by experts and open discussion
**Theme 2: Public finance management and gender-responsive budgeting**

**Katrin Schneider** (Germany): *Public finance management, including gender-responsive budgeting* [EGM/FFGE/2007/EP.3]

**Rhonda Sharp** (Australia): *Gender-responsive budgets (GRBs) have a place in financing gender equality and women’s empowerment* [EGM/FFGE/2007/EP.4]


3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Presentation by experts and open discussion
**Theme 3: Bilateral and multilateral support and official development assistance**

**Patty O’Neill** (New Zealand): *Introductory remarks on the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and OECD/DAC policy marker on gender equality*


**Paul Lupunga** (Zambia): *Gender and the Paris Declaration in Zambia* [EGM/FFGE/2007/EP.7]

6:00 p.m. Closing of meeting - Day 1
Dinner hosted by Norway
**Wednesday, 5 September 2007**

**Plenary Session and Working Groups**

9:00 a.m.  Summary of Day 1 by Rapporteur

Introduction to work by Chair

9:30 a.m.  Presentation by experts and open discussion

**Theme 4: Funding the women’s movement, including through women’s funds**


*Lydia Alpízar Duran* (Costa Rica): *Funding women’s organizations and movements as key driving forces for gender equality and women’s empowerment: challenges and opportunities* [EGM/FFGE/2007/EP.10]


11:00 a.m.  Break

11:15 a.m.  Presentation by experts and open discussion

**Theme 4 (cont’d): Funding the women’s movement, including through women’s funds**

*Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi* (Nigeria/UK): *Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women: the critical role of autonomous women’s funds in strengthening women’s movements* [EGM/FFGE/2007/EP.12]


12:30 p.m.  Lunch
2.00 p.m.  Introduction to Working groups by Chair
           Plenary session
           Working groups

4:00 p.m.  Break

4:30 p.m.  Working groups (cont’d)

6.00 p.m.  Closing of meeting – Day 2

**Thursday, 6 September 2007**

**Working Groups**

9:00 a.m.  Summary of Day 2 by Rapporteur

9:30 a.m.  Presentation by experts and open discussion

**Cathy Gaynor** (Ireland): *The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and gender equality*  
[EGM/FFGE/2007/EP.14]

Presentations by Norwegian Government Partners:

**Nyaradzai Gumbondzvanda** (Kenya)

**Suraiya Kamaruzzaman** (Indonesia)

10:00 a.m.  Plenary discussion of findings of working groups

11:00 a.m.  Break

11:15 a.m.  Working groups draft findings and recommendations

12:30 p.m.  Lunch

2:00 p.m.  Working groups draft findings and recommendations  
            (cont’d)

4:00 p.m.  Break

4:30 p.m.  Plenary to discuss draft findings and recommendations  
            from working groups

6.00 p.m.  Closing of meeting – Day 3
8:00 p.m. [Report writing by small groups of experts]

Friday, 7 September 2007

Plenary Session

9:30 a.m. Introduction to work by Chair
          Presentation and discussion of initial draft of final report by Rapporteur

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Discussion of initial draft of final report (cont’d)

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Presentation and discussion of final draft of the report

4:00 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. Adoption of final report

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Closing session