United Nations
Division for the Advancement of Women
Expert Group Meeting on “The impact of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals”
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PROGRAMME OF WORK

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**Plenary Session**

**9:00 a.m.**  
Registration of participants (experts and observers)

**10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**  
Opening  
Welcome from United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
*Patrice Robineau*, Senior Adviser to the Executive Secretary, UN-Economic Commission for Europe

Message from *Carolyn Hannan*, Director  
Division for the Advancement of Women/Department of  
Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Introduction to the Expert group Meeting  
*Christine Brautigam*, Senior Social Affairs Officer  
Division for the Advancement of Women.

Introduction of experts, election of officers, review of programme  
of work and information on working methods

**10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
Break

**11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Presentation of background paper  
*Jayati Ghosh*, Consultant  
The impact of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for  
Action on the full achievement of the MDGs  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/BP.1)

Discussion

**12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**  
Panel 1:  
**POVERTY AND HUNGER – MDG1**  
Beijing Platform for Action:  
A. Women and poverty and F. Women and the economy

Presentations by experts and discussion

*Susana Lastarria-Cornhiel*  
The role of agriculture and equal access to resources, including  
land and property, in tackling hunger and poverty  
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.1)
Verena Schmidt
Equal access to full employment and decent work as a poverty reduction strategy
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.2)

12:45 p.m. – Lunch
2:15 p.m.

2:15 p.m. – Panel 2:
3:00 p.m.
EDUCATION – MDG2 and MDG3
Beijing Platform for Action: B. Education and training of women, L. The girl-child, and J. Women and the media
Presentations by experts and discussion

Elaine Unterhalter
Access and participation of women and girls to education and training
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.3)

Eva Rathgeber
Women and girls in science and technology: Increasing opportunities in education, research and employment
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.4)

3:00 p.m. – Panel 3:
4:00 p.m.
HEALTH – MDG4, MDG5 and MDG6
Beijing Platform for Action: C. women and health and L. The girl-child (also parts of critical areas D, F and G)
Presentations by experts and discussion

Piroska Östlin
Transforming health systems and services for women and girls
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.5)

Tomris Türmen
Achieving maternal and reproductive health
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.6)

Presenter pending
The gender dimensions of HIV prevention treatment and care
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.7)
3:45/4:00 p.m. – Break
4:15 p.m.

4:15 p.m. – Panel 4: ENVIRONMENT - MDG7
5:15 p.m. Beijing Platform for Action: K. Women and the environment

Presentations by experts and discussion

Rachel Nampinga
Addressing climate change from a gender perspective
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.8)

Agnes Kabajuni
Attention to gender equality in efforts to improve the lives of slum dwellers/to address the gender dimensions of urbanization
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.9)

Panel 5: FINANCING – MDG8
Beijing Platform for Action: Chapter 6 and cross-cutting all critical areas (see also strategic objectives A1 and G1)

Marzia Fontana
Implications of current trade policies, reforms and agreements on poverty reduction among women
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.10)

5:15 p.m. – General discussion – summary of main points
6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Adjournment

Thursday 12 November 2009

9:00 a.m. Summary of Day 1 by Rapporteur
Introduction to work by Chairperson

9:30 a.m. – Presentations by United Nations country teams and discussion
11:00 a.m. Ecuador, Ethiopia, Mauritius
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/GPP.1)
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/GGP.2)
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/GGP.3)

11:00 a.m. – Break
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.–
12:00 p.m. Panel 4 (continuation)

ENVIRONMENT - MDG7
Beijing Platform for Action: K. Women and the environment

Presentation by expert and discussion

Joyti Parikh
The gender dimensions of sustainable energy, climate change and natural resources management
(EGM/BPFA–MDG/2009/EP.11)

12.00 p.m.–
1:00 p.m. Establishment of working groups

1:00 p.m.–
2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m.–
5:30 p.m. Working groups

5:30 p.m.–
6:00 p.m. Report back to Plenary from working groups

6.00 p.m. Adjournment

Friday, 13 November 2009

9:00 a.m.–
9:30 a.m. Plenary – reports back

9:30 a.m.–
1:00 p.m. Working groups – finalize inputs/drafting of report

1:00 p.m.–
2:30 p.m. Continuation of working groups / drafting of report

2:30 p.m.–
3:45 p.m. Lunch

3:45 p.m.–
4:00 p.m. Consolidation of working group inputs and presentation and discussion of final report

4:00 p.m.–
5:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m.–
5:30 p.m. Adoption of final report

6:00 p.m. Closing