

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 24 October 2005

- 8.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Registration
10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Official opening of the meeting
Welcome by host
Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, African Centre for Gender and Development, Economic Commission for Africa
- Opening statement
Message from Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director UN Division for the Advancement of Women
- 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Election of Officers:
Adoption of programme of work
- 11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.30 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. Overviews of the situation of women in decision-making (30 min.)
Ms. Julie Ballington, IPU
Ms. Shirin Rai, Consultant
- General Debate:
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Presentations on "Conditions determining level of representation of women" (each presentation 7-10 min)
Mr. Richard Matland (US)
- Debate
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Presentations on: "Women's participation in democratic transitions" (each presentation 7-10 min)
Ms. Ala Mindicanu (Moldova)
Ms. Leslye Obiora (Nigeria)
- Debate
- 7:30 p.m. Reception organized by ECA

Tuesday, 25 October 2005

- 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Presentations on: “Conditions under which political bodies commit to gender balance and gender mainstreaming in processes and outcome” (each presentation 7-10 min).
- Ms. Teresa Sacchet (Brazil)*
Ms. Cholthira Satyawadhna (Thailand)
- Debate
- Presentation on: “Conditions under which women work across party lines, including with male allies”
- Ms. Fiona Macaulay (UK)*
- Debate
- 11:00a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. Presentation on: “Women’s participation in local government” (each presentation 7-10 min).
- Ms. Medha Nanivadekar (IN)*
- Debate
- Presentation on: “Creating an outer circle in the digital worlds :participation of women in e-government system”
- Mr. Baharul Islam (ECA)*
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Presentations on “Impact of women’s participation on outcomes” (each presentation 7-10 min)
- Ms. Amy Mazur (US)*
Ms. Rosa Linda Miranda (Philippines)
- Debate*
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 4.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. General Discussion

Wednesday, 26 October 2005

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Working groups: discussion and drafting
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Working groups: discussion and drafting
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Working groups: drafting
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Coffee break
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Reports from working groups: general discussion

Thursday, 27 October 2005

9:00 a.m. -11:00 p.m.	Drafting group
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Final discussion of the report
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Discussion of the final draft report and policy recommendations
4:00 p.m. – 4:30p.m.	Coffee break
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Adoption of the report Closing statements Closing the meeting