

**Expert Group Meeting in Preparation for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on
the Review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action**

**United Nations Conference Centre - Meeting Room D, Bangkok
13-15 May 2009**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME¹

Wednesday, 13 May 2009

*Day 1: Overview and discussion of major issues relating to regional implementation of the
Beijing Platform for Action*

08:30-09:00	Registration at United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), ground floor
09:00-09:10	Opening Statement by Ms. Thelma Kay, Chief, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
09:10-09:30	Introduction of participants and meeting objectives
09:30-10:00	Introduction: Regional Overview Presentation by Ms. Beverly Jones, Officer-in-Charge, Gender Equality and Empowerment Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP
10:00-10:30	Coffee/Tea Break
10:30-11:15	Session 1: Overview of the Pacific Presentation by Ms. Treva D. (Téa) Braun, Gender Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Community <i>Moderator: Ms. Beverly Jones, Officer-in-Charge, Gender Equality and Empowerment Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP</i>
11:15-12:00	Session 2: Overview of Central Asia Presentation by Ms. Dono Abdurazakova, Expert on gender issues in Central Asia <i>Moderator: Mr. Syed A.M. Nuruzzaman, Economic Affairs Officer, Special Unit on Countries with Special Needs, ESCAP</i>
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:15	Session 3: Structural Barriers, Cultural Constraints, Meso Traps and Other Challenges Presentation by Ms. Farida Shaheed, Deputy Director, Research Programme Consortium on Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts (WEMC); Director, Research, Shirkat Gah – Women's Resource Centre <i>Moderator: Ms. Thelma Kay, Chief, Social Development Division, ESCAP</i>

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- 14:15-15:00 **Session 4: Gender, Water Security and Climate Change**
Presentation by Ms. Sara Ahmed, Chair, Gender and Water Alliance; Senior Programme Specialist, Rural Poverty and Environment, International Development Research Center
Moderator: Ms. Salmah Zakaria, Economic Affairs Officer, Water Security Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP
- 15:00-16:00 **Session 5: Information Technology and Media**
Presentation by Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Executive Director, IT for Change
Briefing by Ms. Bianca Miglioretto, Community Radio Officer, Isis International, on key findings of the People's Communication for Development (PC4D) research study
Moderator: Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Information Technology Officer, Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP
- 16:00-16:45 Discussion on key messages and recommendations from issues raised on Day 1

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- Day 2: Continuation of overview and discussion of major issues relating to regional implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action; feedback, input and ideas on the conceptual framework of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting (HLM) in October 2009*
- 09:00-9:30 Brief review and summary of key elements stemming from Day 1 discussions
- 09:30-10:15 **Session 6: Ageing**
Presentation by Ms. Evi Nurvidya Arifin, Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of South East Asian Studies
Moderator: Mr. Bhakta Gubhaju, Population Affairs Officer, Social Policy and Population Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP
- 10:15-11:00 **Session 7: Family and Work-Life Balance**
Presentation by Ms. Nobuko Nagase, Professor of Labour Economics and Social Policy, Ochanomizu University
Moderator: Ms. Keiko Osaki-Tomita, Chief, Social Policy and Population Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP
- 11:00-11:45 **Session 8: The Economic Crisis**
Presentation by Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP
Moderator: Ms. Thelma Kay, Chief, Social Development Division, ESCAP
- 11:45-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-14:00 Discussion and consensus on key messages and recommendations from issues raised on Day 2
- 14:00-17:00 **Discussion on the Conceptual Framework of the HLM**
Identify possible key substantive issues to be addressed and related documentation, with particular emphasis on moving forward

Friday, 15 May 2009

Day 3: Feedback, input and ideas on the structural framework of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting (HLM); finalization of recommendations on (1) key messages; (2) emerging issues, persistent challenges and moving forward on implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action; and (3) the conceptual and structural framework for the HLM

09:00- 9:15	Brief review and summary of possible key elements of the conceptual framework of the HLM as discussed on Day 2
09:15-11:00	Discussion on the Structural Framework of the HLM Discuss structural elements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Structural format-Participation-Panel discussions, roundtables, etc.-Capacity building and/or training-Side events-Outcomes
11:00-12:00	Finalize inputs and suggestions for the conceptual <i>and</i> structural framework
12:00-13:15	Lunch Break
13:15-14:15	Adoption of Recommendations
14:15-14:30	Closing