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Members' key priorities and activities

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Australia
Agency	AusAID
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the promotion of gender equality to one of three overarching principles of Australia's aid program, the new Australian Government policy "Gender equality in Australia's aid program - why and how" was launched on 1 March 2007. • The policy gives initial priority to ensuring gender equality is fully integrated into country and regional programs. • The focus of the gender equality thematic group is now on institutionalising the policy and building capacity to implement it. 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A training program for AusAID staff is currently being finalised. It aims to build staff capacity on gender equality, focusing on implementing the policy. It will be rolled out for all country programs and Canberra based staff over the next two years. Work is also being done to strengthen internal and external networks to build capacity of program staff to effectively integrate gender equality. • The gender equality group has been working with country programs as they develop country strategies to ensure that gender equality is integrated. • All country programs now have to report annually on aid effectiveness. The performance assessment framework includes a requirement to report on gender equality results. Aid initiatives also report annually against a quality reporting frame that includes reporting on progress towards gender equality. • The gender equality thematic group has been confirmed as one of 13 thematic groups with an adviser and four staff members and a budget of \$2 million AUD for 07-08. • New gender equality guidelines to assist with policy implementation are currently being developed. The guidelines will include specific instructions on how to integrate gender equality into a country strategy and how to develop a gender strategy at the initiative level. We have also developed sample gender equality outcomes, results and indicators for each of the aid program's four themes. These are grouped according to the four dimensions of gender equality discussed in the gender policy - access, decision making, rights and capacity building. Web-links to resources on gender equality issues and strategies are also provided for each theme, sector and sub-sector, at the end of each chapter - these include short briefing papers, tools, comprehensive guidelines and research findings. It is hoped that country programs and program staff will select and adapt the results and indicators in monitoring and evaluation. • The Office of Development Effectiveness is conducting an evaluation to assess the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of activities to address violence against women in PNG, Melanesia and East Timor 	

Highlights of Work Programme
<p>Forthcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web-based guidance to provide more specific guidance to programmers on integrating gender equality into development work to be launched later this year. • Work is proceeding to develop a schedule of seminars to build staff understanding and capacity on gender equality and forge better connections between development professionals, academics and researchers. Initial seminars could include a workshop on gender based violence or a seminar on women, youth and economics.
<p>Past events: are reports available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Gender equality in Australia's aid program - why and how" available at http://www.aisaid.gov.au/keyaid/gender.cfm
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint work on DAC guidelines • Joint gender analysis on country programs? • Research?

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Austria
Agency	Austrian Development Agency
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Anti-Trafficking projects in SEE (7 projects) • Establishment of sustainable institutional structures: local gender experts in field offices • Preparation Austrian-Ugandan case study on water & sanitation for PD CCI conference in April 07 • Issue paper on Gender & Conflict • New programme: Gender Equity Governance in Albania (support to Gender Focal Points) 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of national Task Force Trafficking in Human Beings, contribution to National Action Plan (in parliament December 2006) • Member of national Task Force Implementation of UNSCR 1325, contribution to National Action Plan (planned to be in Council of Ministers in August 2007) 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on 'Legal pluralism - Islamic family law' • Country programme Ethiopia 	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building peace - empowering women. Making UNSCR 1325 work. http://www.ada.gv.at/up-media/2569_builing_peace_empowering_women.pdf 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up Women's Support Near East • Gender Strategy for Paris Declaration - how to harmonize issues on statistics and AGDI ! • Gender marker for budget support requires harmonization - how? (presumably will be dicussed at our meeting) • Gender Equity Governance in Albania - Model for SEE or more? 	

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Belgium
Agency	Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation (Directorate-General for Development Cooperation)
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Belgian development cooperation focuses on three specific areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's contributions to conflict resolution and sustainable peace and the fight against gender-based violence; • Eliminating gender disparity in primary education; • Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights (including the fight against HIV/aids). ▪ The Belgian development cooperation attaches great importance to the integration of "gender" in the implementation of the Paris Declaration. 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Belgian Development Cooperation is the sole donor financing the implementation of an extensive pilot programme to combat sexual violence against women and children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Supported by 7.8 million euro in Belgian aid, the victims first of all receive medical and psychosocial assistance. Work is also being done on legal protection. Furthermore, the programme intends to help reintegrate no less than 25,000 victims of sexual violence into their family and community by 2008. The programme extends over four years (2004-2007) and is being carried out by the three UN organisations - UNFPA, UNICEF and the High Commission for Human Rights - in collaboration with nine Congolese partner organisations. It has been in operation since June 2005 in the three provinces of Maniema, Equateur and Orientale. ▪ The Belgian development cooperation takes part in the 'Fast Track Initiative - Education for All', launched by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, with the aim of making basic education available to everyone and encouraging young girls to attend school. The Belgian development cooperation is providing long-term budgetary resources for education in the partner countries in this initiative. ▪ Since 2002, the Belgian development cooperation has supported the institutional strengthening of the Ministry of Women's Affairs in Afghanistan through a contribution to the UNDP Trust Fund and the decentralisation of the Ministry's services in rural areas by setting up 'Women's Development Centres' (by means of a contribution to UNIFEM). 	

- Since 2004, the Belgian development cooperation has been supporting the programme "**Derechos sexuales de los y las adolescentes**" in Ecuador. This programme contains three important topics:
 - the promotion and protection of the rights of adolescents, with an emphasis on their reproductive and sexual rights;
 - the integration of the "gender dimension";
 - encouraging young people, by means of support to young people groupings and organisations, to be involved in information sessions concerning sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- The Belgian development cooperation is supporting **UNIFEM** with the programme "Strengthening economic governorship": **Applied gender analysis to government budgets**". At a first stage Unifem has been working in about twenty countries and at several levels (national, sectoral and local); as well as with several partners (woman movements, academic environments and governments). Belgium supports the second phase of this project (2004-2007).

Highlights of Work Programme

Forthcoming events:

- In February 2006 the DGDC created a gendernetwork in which the different departments of the DGDC (bilateral, multilateral, NGOs, humanitarian aid) and the BTC are represented. The main goal of this network is to develop instruments for gender mainstreaming the Belgian development cooperation. This network has organised gendertrainings and developed a genderchecklist for the integration of gender in projects and programmes of development cooperation. Future activities will imply the development of gender indicators in collaboration with the Commission on Women and Development. Furthermore the network will focus on the integration of gender in new aid modalities.
- The Commission on Women and Development will organize a Round Table on "Resolution 1325 in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Brussels 2007)"
- The Commission on Women and Development will present a manual on indicators for the empowerment of women (Brussels 2007).

Past events: are reports available?

- Symposium on Gender Based Violence in Conflict Situations (21-23 June 2006) (UNFPA, EC, Belgian development cooperation)
- The Commission on Women and Development organized a Round Table on "Resolution 1325 in Palestine" (June 2006).
- Adoption by the Belgian Parliament of a policy note on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the Belgian development cooperation. (2007)

- The Commission on Women and Development organized a conference on HIV/AIDS and Violence (May 2007)
- The Commission on Women and Development organized a seminar on sexual and reproductive health and rights (May 2007)
- The Commission on Women and Development organized a seminar on gender and research (June 2007)
- The Commission on Women and Development presented a paper on "Evolutions in development thinking and policy. New opportunities for gender equality?! PRSPs en SWAPs from a gender perspective." (June 2007)

(publications and papers from the Commission on Women and Development:
http://www.dgos.be/en/topics/gender/cwd_publications.html)

Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members

- Integration of Gender in the implementation of the Paris Declaration;
- How can donor countries work on a better harmonisation around gender trainings in the field;
- Gender Mainstreaming in general;
- Exchange of good practice concerning: women's contributions to conflict resolution and sustainable peace and the fight against gender-based violence;
- Exchange of good practice concerning: sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights (including the fight against HIV/aids).

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Canada
Agency	CIDA
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity-building • Aid effectiveness and strengthening the application of results-based management to gender equality • Economic empowerment of women 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new corporate training • Corporate evaluation of CIDA's 1999 Policy on Gender Equality • Participation on Advisory Council for World Bank Gender Action Plan 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francophonie - Canada will become Chair as of November 2007 (Laos); Québec 2008 meeting • UN CSW 2008 	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Development Week 2007: Equality Between Women and Men (http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cidaweb/acdicida.nsf/En/JUD-113103610-MGN) • International Cooperation Days 2006, Panel on Gender Equality and Aid Effectiveness (http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cidaweb/acdicida.nsf/En/RAC-1213731-P9R) 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francophonie • Capacity-building, including training 	

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Denmark
Agency	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Danida)
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New structure and new tools for internal capacity building • Women' s Economic Empowerment • Gender and the aid effectiveness • Gender and macro economy 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved reporting formats • Revised DAC directives/guidelines on gender equality and women' s empowerment • Joint gender analysis at country and sector level • Revised (new) National SCR 1325 Action Plan • Gender Focal Points seminar and mandatory e-learning 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
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Past events: are reports available?	
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Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint gender analysis at country and sector level • Gender and aid effectiveness • Tools for capacity building among DAC agencies • Consented focus on Joint Assistance Strategy (JAS) 	

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	European Commission
Agency	Directorate General for Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a response to its commitments in the EU Consensus and to provide an overall European policy framework for the promotion of gender equality in development cooperation, the Commission has adopted on 8 March 2007 a Communication on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Development Cooperation. • The Council of EU foreign and development ministers has adopted on 15 May 2007 Conclusions on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development Cooperation. These Conclusions that are based on the Commission's new communication show a continued and strengthened commitment from all EU Member States towards integrating gender equality into their development cooperation. • As requested by the Council in the Council conclusions on gender equality, the European Commission is now elaborating on an Action Plan with clear and measurable targets on the implementation of the Communication. 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality support given to delegations and geographical desks to mainstream gender equality into the 10th EDF country and regional strategy programmes. • EC-UN Partnership on Gender Equality in Development and Peace launched with the aim to ensure the proper inclusion of the gender dimension in aid programmes supported by the European Commission. This project has also an emphasis on women in conflict and post-conflict situations. • Implementation of the new thematic programme 'Investing in People' that has a budget of €57m for gender specific actions in EC development cooperation between 2007 and 2013 (while other parts of the same programme - health, education, employment and culture - will also support gender equality). Priorities for gender equality in 2007 include fight against harmful traditional practices, supporting gender responsive budgeting initiatives and preparing a critical review on how new aid modalities have contributed to higher levels of gender equality. 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official launch of the EC-UN Partnership on Gender Equality in Development and Peace, 11 September 2007 • EU Member States' Gender Experts Meeting, November 2007 	

Past events: are reports available?

- Communication on *Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Development Cooperation* available at:
http://ec.europa.eu/development/Policies/Crosscutting/GenderEqu_en.cfm
- Council Conclusions on *Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development Cooperation*:
http://ec.europa.eu/development/Policies/Crosscutting/GenderEqu_en.cfm

Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members

- Promoting gender equality through general and sectoral budget support

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Germany
Agency	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender equality and women's empowerment in and through (German) bi- and multilateral development cooperation • Pro-Poor Growth, economic and political empowerment of women • Women's rights and the fight against gender based violence including harmful traditional practices such as FGM • Gender and new aid modalities • Stopping the growing feminisation of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic and providing adequate services and care to women and girls infected and effected by the virus 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of the World Bank Gender Action Plan (WB-GAP) with the German Minister serving as champion for the GAP since it was launched in Sep. 2006 and Co-Chair of the Advisory Council, which met on 26th June 2007 in Paris for the first time; • Promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of the German EU and G8 presidencies; • Drafting and facilitating the development of EU-Council Conclusions on 'Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in development cooperation' (March to May 2007) and on 'Aid for Trade' and HIV/AIDS with clear references to Gender; • Lobbying for the promotion of women's economic empowerment and the targeted approach to stop the growing feminisation of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and build the capacity of women and girls to take charge of their bodies, their lives and opportunities enhancing their political and economic participation through the G8 Africa agenda and commitments. 	
Publications in 2006 and 2007:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Equality: The key to realising the Millennium Development Goals • Strengthening the Participation of Women in Development Cooperation • 'Call for Action' from Berlin • Gender Budget Manual • EZ-Extranet: online presentation on Gender providing easy access to relevant gender information and data for all official German development agencies 	

Highlights of Work Programme
<p>Forthcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledging Conference for the GFAMT - facilitating discussions to engender the GFAMT
<p>Past events: are reports available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference on FGM in Berlin in Dec. 2006 • Hosting the high level conference "Women's economic Empowerment as smart Economics" in collaboration with the World bank, Norway, UK, Denmark and the OECD DAC in Berlin in February 2007 , resulting in a 'Call for Action' endorsed by the participants; • Hosting of the preparatory expert workshop on gender in Berlin in Feb. 2007 for the 8th African Partnership Forum, which addressed gender and development as one of four main themes in May 2007 and agreed on a set of principles and action points summarised in the Chair's Summary on Gender (www.africapartnershipforum.org) with Denmark holding the Chair for the gender session; • G8-Summit in Heiligendamm - for commitments on gender see: G8-Summit-Declaration on Growth and Responsibility in Africa (www.g-8.de);
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding gender in the implementation and application of the Paris Declaration and the discourse on aid and development effectiveness - preparing for ACCRA and beyond • Fostering economic empowerment of women with particular emphasis on women in Africa • Engendering the Global Funds for AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	France
Agency	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and french Agency for development (AFD)
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and human rights • Gender and economic development • Gender and Health/HIV-aids • Gender and decentralization • Gender and rural development • Gender, water and sanitation 	
Specific Activities (2006/2007) :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redaction of a gender strategy in close association with a newly created national "platform on gender and development" (comprising civil society representatives) • Participation in United Nations and European Union processes • Gender mainstreaming into AFD sustainable development policy and procedure / Gender expertise in AFD projects / methodological studies • Publication of a book on Gender and development initiatives and commitments driven by France (gov and non gov. activities). • Collaboration to different events (Euromed, colloque with NGO "Coordination Sud"...) • Publication of the AFD methodological guide "Gender mainstreaming into water and sanitation project" 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the new gender strategy (possibly 4th quarter 2007) • Scaling up of gender awareness and activities in partner countries • More work on sector specific gender strategies 	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Gender equality for a sustainable development": report of a day of reflexion organised by the NGO forum « Coordination Sud », on 12/12/2006 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong interest in the "road to Accra" process 	

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Italy
Agency	GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New Guidelines for the Italian development cooperation (issued on feb. 2007) have gender equality and women's empowerment as a priority ; • The Directorate General for Development Cooperation intends to increase its commitment to and initiatives for achieving the third Millennium Development Goal and the Paris Declaration through new forms of North-South partnerships that will involve institutions and civil society. • New gender equality and women's empowerment guidelines will be endorsed according the following principles : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Underline how the local dimension, can provides women with greater opportunities to express their views on development; 2. Work with the transnational networks of women for innovative solutions on poverty eradication strategies; 3. Give emphasis to the new roles of women utilizing to the full in the context of cooperation the experience of migrant women living in Italy . • Focus on the implementation of international agreement as: CEDAW, Maputo Protocol, UNSC res. 1325/2000. 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FORUM on Gender and Development strategies held on 6th Dec. 2006 at the Italian MOFA. The forum aimed to re-launch the empowerment of women as a priority of the Italian development cooperation building on the experiences acquired by decentralised cooperation, civil society and women's associations and networks. • International Seminar "The empowerment of women in West Africa: a dialogue between institutions, civil society and Italian cooperation" held in Bamako (1/3 March 2007) where Italian cooperation launched the "Programme for the empowerment of women in West Africa"; • International workshop on "<i>The application of the RES. UNSC 1325/2000 in the Somalia conflict</i>" held in rome at the Italian MOFA the 13 june 2007 .This initiative, promoted by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and with the direct participation of women of the Somali diaspora living in Italy, aimed to valorize the role of Somalian women in the peace-building process and their effective participation in the use of the resources that the international community intends to make available in the process and the rehabilitation phase. 	

Highlights of Work Programme
<p>Forthcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New set of Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment to be approved by DGCS; • DGCS Plan of Action for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (2008/20010) to be discussed and approved by the end of the year ; • Seminar on "<i>The role of women and civil society in Lebanon crisis</i>" to be hold in Beirut in fall.
<p>Past events: are reports available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report on The Conference of Bamako will be available in French and English within few weeks.
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectivness of Paris Declaration for the achievement of the MDGs • Evaluation on the Application of res. UN/SC 1325/2000 • Joint work on UN Reform process

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Japan
Agency	Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA) Japan Bank for International Cooperation(JBIC)
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Mainstreaming in all Japanese ODA • Gender and Poverty Reduction • Gender and Human Security • Gender and Infrastructure (Water Supply and Sanitation, Rural Development, Agriculture and Forestry) • Trafficking in persons in the Greater Mekong Sub-region 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revising Japan's ODA Sectoral Policy Home Page(available in Japanese): http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/oda/bunya/gender/index.html • Revising and updating the JICA Guidelines on Gender and Development • Introducing gender responsive project formulation, monitoring and evaluation by seminars and workshops for JICA staff and national staff in overseas offices. • Compiling Country Gender Profiles of 11 countries (already have 59 countries in total) • First Regional Meetings of JICA Gender Focal Points in Asia (in Bangkok in March 2007) and Africa and Middle East (in Paris in July 2007) • Carrying out case studies on gender mainstreaming in Japanese ODA loan projects 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASEAN+3 Human Security Symposium on Women and Poverty Eradication in Tokyo in July 2007 • Public Seminar on the new guidelines on gender mainstreaming in JICA • Second Regional Meeting of JICA Gender Focal Points in Asia (to be held in Bangkok in December 2007) 	

Past events: are reports available?

- Symposium of the partnership of UNDP-Japan in Tokyo (in English)
- <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/july-2006/women-forum-japan-20060731.en?categoryID=349437&lang=en>
- Case Study on 'Gender and Diversity in Egypt'(in English and Japanese)
<http://www.jica.go.jp/english/global/gend/back/reports.html>
- Trafficking in Persons in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region: Focusing on the Roles of Shelter for Women and Children, Seminar Report, March 2007, JICA Regional Support Office for Asia, Bangkok
- Case Study of Gender Mainstreaming in Projects funded by JBIC's ODA Loans: Pakistan and Tunisia (2006: Japanese, Executive summary in English and French)
- Pilot Study for Knowledge Assistance for NGO's Technical Training for Assisting Women's Self-Reliance: Sri Lanka (2005: English)

Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members

- Joint study/workshop on gender equality in the countries where gender country profiles are compiled.
- Joint Assessment of Gender Impact in Large Infrastructure Projects

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Netherlands
Agency	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formulation of a new gender policy with clear goals on equal rights and equal chances based on the following 7 priorities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen opportunities for post primary education for girls 2. Guarantee sexual and reproductive health and rights. 3. Invest in infrastructure to reduce women's and girls' time burdens. 4. Guarantee women's and girls' property and inheritance rights. 5. Eliminate gender inequality in employment 6. Increase women's share of seats in national parliaments and local government bodies. 7. Combat violence against girls and women ▪ Bi-lateral programme: support embassies to achieve gender equality in sectorprogrammes (health, education, private sector, water and sanitation). ▪ Support to embassies to implement Paris Declaration with a focus on gender equality ▪ Mainstreaming gender in other departments of the ministry: water and environment (specifically water and sanitation and biogas), human rights, private sector ⊕ Monitor multilateral organisations regarding the implementation of gender equality 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation of the principles of the Paris Declaration from a gender prespective ▪ Formulation and implementation of National Action Plan 1325. ▪ Develop programmes to combat Gender Based Violence in 9 pilot countries ▪ Implementation of a MDG3 fund to support (international women's organisations) in coordination with Dutch NGO's and private sector. If possible we would encourage other bi/lateral donors to join this fund. ▪ In coordination with the department on quality and effectiveness on 'gender accountability'. other departments of the Ministry 	

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Highlights of Work Programme
<p>Forthcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 June the Dutch Cabinet will present their programme for the coming 4 years to a broader public. The proposals on NAP 1325, Violence against women and the 'Investment for equality' will probably be signed by the Minister. This opens new opportunities for gender equality activities.
<p>Past events: are reports available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good intentions alone won't work. Dutch gender policy in Afghanistan, Yemen, Burkina Faso, Guatemala and Bangladesh • Policy documents/reports are in Dutch • Document and factsheet on 'gender accountability' will be published
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Evaluations, reduce poverty, environment.

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Norway
Agency	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "red/green" government that came into power in October 2005 set women's rights and gender equality one of their 5 priorities for international development. • In 2006, the Government's action plan for implementation of UNSC resolution 1325 on women, peace and development was launched. • In 2006, the second action plan on human trafficking (2006-2009) was launched • In 2007, the Action plan on women's rights and gender equality in development co-operation 2007-2009 was launched • The Action plan launched in 2004 on FGM will be continued till 2010 • The government will present a report to Parliament by the end of 2007 on women's rights and gender equality in international development. The report will give occasion for a broad debate in Parliament on these issues, will provide a coherent framework for follow-up to the existing action plans (see above), and will provide guidance and a long-term policy framework that outlasts the limited life-times of the action plans. It is the first time that a report on women and gender issues in development cooperation has been presented to the Parliament 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiating a joint Nordic stance and role in promoting UN reform and a strengthened gender architecture • Launch of the Action plan on women's rights and gender equality in development cooperation, march 2007 • Progress report and seminar with NGOs (consultative committee) on implementation of the action plan for UNSC 1325, May 2007 • Regional seminar for embassies in South and South-east Asia on follow-up to the action plan on women's rights and GE in development cooperation, May 2007 • Seminar on 1325 implementation with Sudanese women and UNIFEM representatives in cooperation with UNIFEM in Oslo and Finland, June 2007 • Financing for W&GE and overall engendering of the development co-operation budget (budget proposition will be presented in October) • Specific training on SR1325 and women in development + gender modules in mainstream obligatory trainings • Considering proposals for the gender budget line and guidance on quality of proposals on gender equality on budget lines for peace and reconciliation, and humanitarian assistance 	

Highlights of Work Programme
<p>Forthcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAW expert meeting on financing for gender equality (CSW 2008, Doha/Financing for development 2008), Oslo 4-7 September 2007 • Joint seminar with Ministry of Children and Family Affairs on FGM, Oslo September 2007 • Event related to the 7th anniversary of UNSC 1325, October 2007 • Regional seminar on follow-up to the action plan on W&GE in development cooperation in Mid- and Latin-America, November 2007 • Training sessions collaborating with the Foreign Service Training Institute (UKS) on W&GE in development and UNSCR 1325, repeatedly, 2007
<p>Past events: are reports available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The action plans are available in English • Reports in English available on the events that include foreign participants (Sudan, regional seminar)
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Reform gender architecture and country pilots • 1325 • Financing for women and gender equality

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Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	SPAIN
Agency	Directorate General of Development Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Spanish Secretariat of State for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diffusion and application sectorial strategic planning of gender in development and aid effectiveness in Spanish cooperation • To promote institutionalisation of gender issues • To promote participatory process (harmonisation with constituents and players) • To promote quality in gender equality and aid effectiveness into country and regional programmes, and into the all different instruments 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update gender equality and effectiveness strategy with an operative plan, in a new framework for intervention • Gender mainstreaming on sectorial politics and programmes and activities • Training and knowledge sharing for AECI technical team and constituent organisations • Methodologies for intervention with Paris Declaration and the implications for gender equality • To create a gender in development and aid effectiveness network from Spanish cooperation • To increase quality selective and strategic multilateralism in gender equality 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different meetings and workshops in a participatory process with constituents in Spain and in the field to diffuse and apply the gender strategy • To put in practice gender equality and aid effectiveness strategy • To create a task team and operative plan about 1325 Resolution • Investigation and projects on gender development and migration 	

Past events: are reports available?

- Master plan of Spanish cooperation (2005-2008). Dual perspective: 1. gender mainstreaming: (1 of 5 horizontal priorities), and 2. gender equality in sectorial and specific actions
- Gender equality in Planning Unit and Evaluation Unit into the Office of Development Policy. Spanish Secretariat of State for International Cooperation
- Sectorial strategic planning of gender in development and aid effectiveness in Spanish cooperation
- A participatory process on gender task team in development council of Spanish cooperation and other players

Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members

- Update DAC Guidelines on Gender Equality in Development Co-operation
- Gender equality in institutionalisation process: issues and lessons learned
- Migration, development and gender equality: issues and lessons learned
- Lessons learned to Action Plan about 1325 Resolution

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Sweden
Agency	Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Economic Empowerment • Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, incl hiv/aids • Combating gender-based violence and promoting gender justice • Women's political participation and empowerment 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	SWEDEN
Agency	Sida
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multilateral initiatives: Gender equality in the Paris Agenda, Economic empowerment of women - co-operation Sida/World Bank in support of the Gender Action Plan of the World Bank • Action plan against gender based violence in development cooperation • Action Plan for work on sexual orientation and gender identity in international development cooperation - gay, bisexual and transgender issues • Building national gender helpdesks at Swedish universities in support of mainstreaming at Sida 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	Switzerland
Agency	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Responsive Budgeting / Database • Implementation of CEDAW • Gender Applied Research Networks in the South • Institutionalization of Gender Mainstreaming in Coofs (support) 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRB-Workshop and Follow-up Activities • Awareness Raising and promotion of implementation of CEDAW • Establishment and promotion of research networks • Gender Mainstreaming Report 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and Governance Workshop • GRB in SDC: event to present LOGIB • Early September: participation in public event on National Action Plan of Switzerland for the implementation of the UN Resolution 1325 • 25 November: Activities in the context of the Day against Violence towards Women • November or December: Gender Workshop for SDC Directorate 	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Gender Responsive Budgeting Workshop is available • Report on Capitalization of Gender Mainstreaming in SDC is available 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRB Initiatives • Implementing CEDAW/Ending Gender Based Violence Campaigns • IFI and particular topics 	

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	United Kingdom
Agency	Department for International Development
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to Gender Evaluation (2006) through implementation of DFID's Gender Equality Action Plan (March 2007) and DFID's Gender Duty Scheme (April 2007) • Seeking long-term change in organisational practice on gender equality and women's empowerment in our work on results, our use of resources, the partnerships that we enjoy and how we build for the the future. 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased attention in planning and implementation in all ten Divisions in DFID on gender equality through dedicated action plans, a network of senior-level champions and greater accountability for performance. • At policy level, increased focus on gender-based violence, gender equality and governance, gender and growth, developing robust indicators and monitoring measures for gender equality and developing a comprehensive learning and development programme for staff on gender equality. • Seeking to address within planning and systems the manner in which gender equality can be addressed, this includes within country assistance plans, DFID's Corporate Plan which guides all planning and within Divisional plans. • Better capturing good practice, including gender equality audits of country programmes, evidence on gender equality and growth and integrating gender equality in governance assessments. • Developing learning and training - currently scoping out options to include joint work with other agencies • Developing guidelines to ensure that all country programmes assess gender equality and their contribution to it in drafting three-year plans • Second phase of research work seeking to provide evidence on the contribution of gender equality to the Paris declaration • Increased work on evidence for economic growth and gender equality through country gender assessments with the World Bank and IFC • Two Research Programme Consortia on women's empowerment underway (City University Hong Kong, and IDS, Sussex) • Considering large-scale research and capacity support on gender equality • Big push on gender equality indicators and useage and monitoring with partners • Intensified efforts for a successful UN outcome on gender equality 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved processes for lesson-learning and sharing of best practice • Women in peace building, UNSCR 1325 incl support to programmes for reduction of gender based violence and conflict and support to women in peace building.
Highlights of Work Programme
<p>Forthcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of publication on gender equality and economic growth (precise timing tbc) • Women Deliver conference October 2007 (maternal and SRH) - focus on involvement of men • Updating of HIV and AIDs strategy which will retain strong focus on addressing barriers to increase women's vulnerability to HIV- to be completed March/April 2008
<p>Past events: are reports available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Equality Action Plan, Evaluation and Gender Duty Scheme available at www.dfid.gov.uk. • Gender and growth briefing note March 2007
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and development programme • Indicators and monitoring • Joint assessment of budget support/ programme assistance and gender equality • PD and Cross-cutting issues work • Gender in Security Sector Reform and access to justice

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	United States
Agency	US Agency for International Development
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence against Women • Gender-related aspects of international trade • Trafficking in persons • Girls education • Gender and conflict 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender-based violence from traditional practices including child marriage, widow abuse, honor killings. • Gender and Trade-related work in: Albania, Bangladesh, DR, Nigeria, Peru, Kenya, South Africa • Pilot trafficking victims shelters in Cambodia, Ecuador • Safe Schools pilots in Ghana and Malawi 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint evaluations of anti-trafficking activities • • 	

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	United States
Agency	Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Policy, adopted December 2006, states: <p style="margin-left: 20px;">"The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) recognizes that gender inequality can be a significant constraint to economic growth and poverty reduction. Consequently, MCC will ensure that gender is considered in the selection of eligible countries and integrated into the development and design of Compact programs, the assessment and implementation of projects funded by the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA), the monitoring of program results, and the evaluation of program impacts."</p> • Responsibility for policy implementation lies with country applying for grant and implementing Compact, and with MCC staff in project assessment and implementation oversight. • MCC in process of building internal capacity to implement Gender Policy. • MCC is interested in coordination with other donors in identifying gender issues and constraints and in supporting gender equality impacts. 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC provides guidance to countries in implementing Gender Policy. • Countries are asked to "identify (proposed) project beneficiaries disaggregated by sex and provide an explanation of how Compact program components are designed to take into account gender differences and correct gender inequalities that are constraints to growth." • Gender analysis of proposed projects and activities required during MCC's assessment prior to signing a Compact. • MCC requires social/gender expertise on country teams managing implementation and on-going monitoring of gender outcomes. • On-going consultation is identified as a tool for gender integration. 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC conditioned Lesotho Compact on legal reforms to achieve gender equality in economic rights. Signing of Lesotho Compact in July. • U.S. House Resolution commending Government of Lesotho and MCC for gender equality in economic rights. (Senate Resolution passed in March 2007.) • Lesotho Compact includes training and public outreach for gender equality (US\$1 million over 5 years). 	

Past events: are reports available?

- Launch of MCC's Gender Policy in January 2007.
- Annual reports, transcripts, guidance documents and other information available on website: www.mcc.gov

Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members

- All MCC projects must demonstrate positive impacts on income. There may be opportunities to leverage resources for gendered impacts with other donors who have different mandate.
- Potential to develop more gender responsive baseline studies through MCC funding.
- Potential to develop more gender responsive impact data through MCC impact evaluations and working with other donors who have a research mandate.
- Potential for collaboration in areas of legal/policy reform for gender equality.
- Potential for collaboration with other donors to increase institutional capacity for gender integration.

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	
Agency	World Bank
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of gender equality and women's economic empowerment through <i>Gender Equality as Smart Economics: a World Bank Group Action Plan</i>; • Collaborating with other agencies on women's economic empowerment. 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Gender Action Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Area 1: Intensify gender mainstreaming in World Bank and IFC operations and in key regional economic and sector work. • Action Area 2: Mobilize resources to implement and scale up Results-Based Initiatives (RBIs) that empower women economically. • Action Area 3: Improve knowledge and statistics on women's economic participation and the relationship between gender equality, growth, and poverty reduction. • Action Area 4: Undertake Bank staff and client country capacity-building; and undertake a communications campaign to explain the economic rationale in support of women's empowerment, foster partnerships and improve project execution, emphasizing the centrality of women as economic actors for growth and poverty reduction. 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-level conference on Women's Economic Empowerment (hosted by Germany, and co-organised by several partners), Berlin, February 22 - 23, 2007. (Report here: http://www.worldbank.org/gender) • Launch of 2007 Global Monitoring Report, with focus on gender equality (For report, see: http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTGENDER/0,,contentMDK:21335154~pagePK:210058~piPK:210062~theSitePK:336868,00.html) • Development Committee meeting ("Spring Meetings") discussion and endorsement of Gender Action Plan, April 2007 (report available on Development Committee webpages) 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications campaign on women's economic empowerment • Co-hosting capacity-building workshops on women's economic empowerment • Co-financing extra-mural research activities on women's economic empowerment 	

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	<i>Global</i>
Agency	<i>Trade Union Advisory Committee to OECD</i>
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty reduction • Decent Work and ILO core labour standards • Policy linkage between development, aid, trade and employment 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 month series of academic and trade union policy related seminars on gender and globalisation 	
Highlights of Work Programme	
Forthcoming events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Dec Work Without Borders seminar – migration and gender seminar 	
Past events: are reports available?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book will be published 	
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and poverty reduction strategies 	

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	
Agency	UNIFEM
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and AID Effectiveness • Ending violence against women • Addressing sexual and gender-based violence in conflict countries • Cross-regional programme on gender-responsive budgeting • Capacity-development for CEDAW implementation 	
Specific Activities:	
<p>Gender and AID effectiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC/UN Partnership on Gender Equality for Development and Peace. • Regional Consultations on the Implications of the Paris Declaration on Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights <p>Ending violence against women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding support and knowledge on ending violence against women through the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (including launch of strengthened evaluation and capacity-development strategy in response to the GA resolution on violence against women and the UN Secretary General's In-depth Study on VAW) <p>Sexual and gender-based violence in conflict and post-conflict countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of UN Action on Violence against Women and the Stop Rape campaign, an initiative of 11 UN organizations • UNIFEM implementation of the 6-country programme on community based approaches to enhancing women's participation in peace-building and addressing sexual violence <p>Gender-responsive budgeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued implementation and expansion of support to GRB programmes in nearly 20 countries in all regions; development of new cross-regional programme with UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and UNDP on local-level GRB <p>Women's economic empowerment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with World Bank on Results-based Initiatives (RBIs) to enhance women's economic empowerment in 5 countries (Liberia, Kenya, Peru, Egypt and in Southeast Asia) 	

Highlights of Work Programme
<p>Forthcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launching of the EC/UN Partnership on Gender Equality for Development and Peace, 10-12 September 2007, Brussels • Undertaking mapping studies on gender equality and new aid modalities in 12 countries (to be completed by end November 2007) • Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Gender & Aid Effectiveness, August 22nd-24th, Indonesia
<p>Past events: are reports available?</p> <p><i>Gender and aid effectiveness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa Regional Workshop on the Implications of the Paris Declaration on Gender and Women's Human Rights, July 2006, Burundi. Outcome report available in French and English on UNIFEM's website. • Gender Equality and Rights-based Development Planning and Budgeting in the Commonwealth of Independent States: Towards Ghana 2008, May 2007, Kazakhstan. Find event summary report, concept note, agenda and declaration attached. <p><i>VAW/Women's human rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEDAW and the Human Rights-based Approach to Programming: A UNIFEM Guide (see UNIFEM website) • Stop Rape Now: UN Action against Sexual Violence (STOPRAPENOW.ORG) • A Life Free of Violence Is Our Right: The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, 10 Years of Investment (see UNIFEM website)
Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing coordination with OECD-DAC GenderNet on initiatives in preparation for the Ghana High Level Meeting and on country-based activities to support a stronger gender equality dimension in new aid modalities • Involvement of OECD-DAC GenderNet in the Stop Rape campaign

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	
Agency	United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three priority substantive issues for the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women for the coming year are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Violence against women DAW will be actively involved in the follow-up to the implementation of the General Assembly resolution A/61/438, based on the Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against women prepared by DAW in 2006. Much of this work will be carried out through the Inter-agency Network Taskforce on Violence against Women which is co-chaired by DAW and UNFPA. DAW also has a lead role in sustaining the momentum through its reporting responsibility on violence against women to the General Assembly and its opportunity to support and encourage a range of intergovernmental bodies to integrate work on the elimination of violence against women within their mandates. This includes work on indicators on violence against women by the Statistics Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as other functional commissions and the ECOSOC, as requested in the GA resolution. Efforts are also being made to galvanize system-wide attention to violence against women as an integral part of all UN work. ▪ Women in decision-making Decision-making was identified in the ten-year review of implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action as an area where further progress is needed. In considering this issue at its 50th session in 2006, the Commission on the Status of Women recognized the constraints imposed by lack of data and information in many policy areas and called for further research. DAW is preparing a publication on women in decision-making in areas such as economic decision-making, academia, the judiciary, and the media. ▪ Financing for gender equality and empowerment of women The CSW will consider financing for gender equality and empowerment of women as its priority theme at its 52nd session in 2008. (Please see separate note) 	

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	53 member countries
Agency	Commonwealth Secretariat
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests:	
<p>The Commonwealth Secretariat's Plan of Action for Gender Equality 2005-2015 is focused on the following areas for Commonwealth action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender, Democracy, Peace and Conflict; • Gender, Human Rights and Law; • Gender, Poverty Eradication and Economic Empowerment; • Gender and HIV/AIDS; • Gender, Good Governance and the Public Sector. <p>Priority gender and health issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy for safe motherhood; • Increased access to skilled birth attendants by women during pregnancy, childbirth and the post partum period. <p>Priority gender and education issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting gender equality in education, and supporting gender mainstreaming in education policies; 	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th Commonwealth Women's Affairs Ministers Meeting held in Uganda 11-14 June 2007 with the theme "Financing Gender Equality for Development and Democracy". • The Commonwealth Meetings on the eve of the 51th Session of the CSW, New York, 24 & 25 February 2007. • Finalisation of the draft Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the Commonwealth Plan of Action for Gender Equality 2005-2015 • The report of the Secretariat's Gender Audit is about to be completed, and implementation of its recommendations will begin in 2008. • Establishment of a Commonwealth Working Group on Gender, Peace and Security. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender, Democracy, Peace and Conflict: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building, policy support, and technical assistance to Commonwealth countries to increase women's representation in parliament and local government – Pakistan and Maldives in 2006 and 2007 ; - Advocacy on peace and security , organisation of a global conference on UNSCR 1325 in collaboration with DFID, CIDA, etc - Workshop on women constituencies with Troop and Police Contributing Countries in collaboration with DPKO in February 2007. 	

Gender, Human Rights and Law:

- Asian/ Southern African Regional colloquia on 'Gender, Culture and the Law';(August 2007, December 2007)
- Pan-Commonwealth Conference on 'Addressing the marginalisation of indigenous and tribal women – February, 2007

• Gender, Poverty Eradication and Economic Empowerment

- Gender-responsive budgets: Piloting of revenue tools on Gender-responsive Budgets; sectoral work on Gender and Education budget in Pakistan;
- Gender, trade policy and export promotion:
- regional capacity building workshops – South Asia (September 2006) , Southern Africa (July 2007) ;
- capacity building and technical assistance to networks of women producers/ entrepreneurs to facilitate product development and access to national, regional and global markets, e.g. direct support in Pakistan, Commonwealth Business Women's Network etc
- strengthening links and networks of women entrepreneurs through creation of web site – www.genderandtrade.org; and development of resource materials and publications such as Gender and Trade Action Guide. A Training Resource; Gender and Social Protection (forthcoming)

• Gender and HIV/AIDS

- Policy reviews and policy dialogues on Gender and HIV/AIDS in South Asia/ Southeast Asia;
- Support to multiagency initiative for gender mainstreaming in HIV interventions in the Caribbean (2005-ongoing)

• Gender, Good Governance and the Public Sector:

- Capacity building workshops for National Women's Machineryes, key public sector ministries, and tertiary training institutions which support the public sector (Management Development Institutes and universities) on mainstreaming gender equality in policy formulation, planning and programme delivery;
- Technical assistance through appointment of short- and long-term gender experts to regional agencies, public service training institutions and universities, to build and strengthen institutional capacity for gender mainstreaming in policy and planning processes at the regional/national levels;
- Development of an annual on-line gender mainstreaming training course, based on the ComSec's gender publications and tools, targeted to a pan-Commonwealth audience of NWMs, public servants, staff in regional and international development agencies, civil society organisations, etc.

Highlights of Work Programme**Forthcoming events:**

- 4th Regional Workshop on Gender, Trade Policy and Export Promotion, 2-6 July 2007
- Capacity Building Workshop on GRBs in India 10-14 July 2007
- Women in Leadership in Africa. ComSec in collaboration with African Union, SADC Parliamentary Forum Accord, July/August
- A regional workshop on Local Government "Role and Promotion of Women in Local Government" in India July/August
- Asian Colloquium on Gender, Culture and the Law, 15-16 August, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Policy Dialogue on HIV/AIDS in South Asia, 17-18 August 2007 in Sri Lanka
- Roundtable on 'Sri Lankan Women's role and contribution to the Peace Process', Sept-Oct, Sri Lanka
- Southern Africa Colloquium on Gender, Culture and the Law, Sept-Dec (tbc), Botswana

Past events: are reports available (Yes)

- Report of Commonwealth Meetings on the eve of the 51st Session of the CSW, New York, 24 & 25 February 2007;
- In collaboration with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, organised workshops on 'Moving towards Gender Equality' in Pakistan and the Maldives in 2006 and 2007 respectively.
- Pan-Commonwealth workshop on 'Addressing the marginalisation of indigenous and tribal women' - 2007.

Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members

- The ComSec is interested in collaborating with GENDERNET partners in the areas identified in
 - Gender, Peace and Security
 - Gender and Aid effectiveness
 - Gender and Access to Finance
 - Gender Responsive Budgets
 - Gender and Trade
 - Strengthening the public sector for gender mainstreaming

DAC NETWORK ON GENDER EQUALITY (GENDERNET)	
Members' key priorities and activities	
Country	
Agency	BRIDGE/ Institute of Development Studies (IDS)
Gender-Related Priorities	
Key Issues/Interests/Events:	
<p>Current key/recent issues we are tackling through <i>Cutting Edge Packs</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and Governance (2007-8) • Gender and Care (2007-8) • Gender, Indicators and Measurements of Change (July 2007) • Gender, Sexuality and Sexual Rights (January 2007) <p>Current key/recent issues we are tackling through <i>Siyanda</i> (www.siyanda.org) and other research work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siyanda feature and related BRIDGE Annotated Bibliography on 'Gender and labour rights' (Sept 2007) • Siyanda feature and related BRIDGE Annotated Bibliography on Gender and the media (Nov 2007) <p>We are also supporting the specific research and information needs of BRIDGE funders - most recently working on a gender-based violence action plan; a review of how countries in Central America and the Middle East are performing on CEDAW; and two overviews and annotated bibliographies on 'Engaging Men in Gender Equality' and 'Women Living with HIV/AIDS'.</p>	
Specific Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are currently finalising our <i>Cutting Edge Pack</i> on Gender and Indicators which will be available online by end of June and in print by end of July. The Pack will also be available online in French and the In Brief bulletin will be available online and in paper format in French and Spanish. • We are in the early stages of developing the next two <i>Cutting Edge Packs</i> on Gender and Governance and Gender and Care. • We have continued to build the Siyanda database which now contains 2,152 summaries and links to online documents and we have boosted the number of gender experts and consultants in Siyanda to 1,210 from across 141 countries. • Over the past year we have focused particular attention on increasing the proportion of non-English resources in Siyanda, including producing bibliographies of the Top Twenty Resources and Websites on Gender in French, Chinese and Arabic. We are currently working with Spanish-speaking partners to produce similar resources in Spanish. • BRIDGE member, Justina Demetriades, has been undertaking research into the information and communication dynamics around gender-based violence in Sudan to feed into the BRIDGE strategy development process and that of the wider IDS Information Department strategy development process. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights of Work Programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forthcoming events: • <i>Gender and Indicators Cutting Edge Pack launches, including at the UN General Assembly Meeting in September 2007 (to be confirmed).</i> • <i>Forthcoming publications: 'Gender and Indicators' Cutting Edge Pack (July); 'Gender and Labour Rights: Overview and Annotated Bibliography' (Sept) and 'Gender and the Media: Overview and Annotated Bibliography' (Nov).</i> • <i>Forthcoming features on Siyanda : Indicators (July 07); Disability (August 07); Labour rights (Sept 07); Maternal health (Oct 07); Media (Nov 07); Aging and older women (Dec 07/Jan 08); Financing for gender equality (Feb 08); Resource management and infrastructure (March 08); Young people and the girl child (April 08); Abortion rights (May 08); Governance (June 08); Practical tools for gender mainstreaming (July 08).</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past events: are reports available? • <i>Cutting Edge Pack on Gender and Sexuality available in English, French and Spanish - funded by Sida http://www.bridge.ids.ac.uk/reports_gend_CEP.html#Sexuality. The <i>Gender and Sexuality In Brief</i> is also available in Portuguese.</i> • <i>BRIDGE/UNDP Expert Panel Discussion at the 51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on Gender Sensitive Indicators and Measurements of Change (March 2007). For a report of the discussion see http://www.bridge.ids.ac.uk/reports/UNDP_BRIDGE_CSW.pdf</i> • <i>BRIDGE/UNDP E-discussion on 'Measuring Gender Equality' held in March 2007.</i> • <i>BRIDGE hosted several Expert Panel Discussions to launch the <i>Gender and Sexuality Cutting Edge Pack</i> - at CSW; the World Social Forum; DFID; and the Asia Regional Sexuality Resource Centre in Delhi.</i> • <i>Previous Siyanda updates are available from http://www.siyanda.org/quick_guide.htm. Our most recent feature was on reform of the UN gender architecture.</i>
<p>Ideas/Areas for Collaboration with other DAC Members</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Please send resources or information on interesting initiatives to BRIDGE relating to (a) the two Cutting Edge Pack themes - governance and care, and/or (b) on the forthcoming <i>Siyanda</i> features (see above).</i> • <i>Tell us what issues you would like our Packs and <i>Siyanda</i> updates to cover - and give us feedback on how you have used the Packs and <i>Siyanda</i> and with what effect</i> <p>Please contact Emily Esplen for further information (E.Esplen@ids.ac.uk) - thanks</p>