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### DAC Network on Gender Equality

**WORKSHOP ON "PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGENCIES  
TO SUPPORT PARTNER COUNTRY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND  
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT"**

28-29 January 2008, Room CC10, OECD Headquarters, Paris

*The updated agenda for the joint biennial workshop of the DAC Network on Gender Equality (GENDERNET) and the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE).*

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**Enhancing Partnerships between Multilateral and Bilateral Agencies to Support Partner Country Efforts to Achieve Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**

**Joint biennial workshop of the DAC Network on Gender Equality (GENDERNET) and the United Nations' Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE)**

**Room CC10, OECD Headquarters  
Paris  
28 and 29 January 2008**

The OECD DAC Network on Gender Equality and the United Nations' Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality hold a workshop every two years to exchange ideas and share information on issues of mutual relevance and interest. The two groups represent the gender focal points and advisors of the United Nations system, bilateral agencies and the development banks.

**Focus of the 2008 workshop**

- The role of multilateral agencies in delivering on commitments to gender equality and women's empowerment
- How bilateral agencies can best support the efforts of multilateral agencies
- Innovative practices in partnerships between bilateral and multilateral agencies
- Opportunities to enhance and scale up our mutual work to support partner country efforts, and
- Improved tracking of development assistance focussed on gender equality and women's empowerment.

**Purpose and objectives**

The workshop provides a framework for:

- Developing strategies to increase investments focussed on gender equality and women's empowerment
- Identifying the respective comparative advantages of multilateral and bilateral donors
- Rethinking and reshaping the ways in which bilateral and multilateral donors work together to support partner country efforts
- Sharing experiences and innovations, and
- Exploring ways of working together on assessment frameworks to measure and evaluate the performance of multilateral agencies.

**Intended outcomes**

- Improved division of labour, based on comparative advantage, in our respective efforts to advance gender equality and women's empowerment
- Improved collaboration and harmonisation in partner countries
- A continued increase in the proportion of aid directed towards the achievement of gender equality
- Improved measurement of the amount of aid focussed on gender equality, and
- Increased mutual accountability.

**DAY 1**

**Monday, 28 January 2007**

**09h30-10h15**

**OPENING SESSION – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP**

- Dorthea Damkjaer, Chair of DAC Network on Gender Equality

**Official opening**

- Mario Amano, Deputy Secretary General, OECD
- Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General, UNESCO
- Eckhard Deutscher, Chair of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee
- Marcela Villarreal, Director of Gender and Population Division of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations on behalf of Rachel Mayanja, Chair of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality and Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women

**10h15-10h45**

Coffee break

**10h45-11h45**

**SESSION 1: SETTING THE SCENE – THE GLOBAL OVERVIEW OF FINANCING**

**Session chair: Marcela Villarreal**

The objective of this session is to provide overviews and assessments of:

- Aid architecture
- How much aid is being delivered, where, by whom
- Projections for the future, and
- How far we have delivered on the gender equality dimensions of the Monterrey Consensus

**Speakers:**

- Brian Hammond, Counsellor on aid architecture and financing, OECD – the global picture, including some reflections on measuring multilateral effectiveness
- Manuel Montes, Chief of Policy Analysis and Development Branch, UN Financing for Development Office

*Clarifying questions*

*Discussion focussed on:*

- *Opportunities for scaling up development assistance directed towards the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment*
- *Key messages for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, November/December 2008)*

**11h45-15h30**

**(lunch break 13h00-14h30 in the Salle Marshall, Château)**

**SESSION 2: MEASURING AND TRACKING GENDER EQUALITY FOCUSED AID – WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW AND WHAT IS POSSIBLE**

**Session chair: Julia Benn, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD), Statistical Division**

The objective of this session is to share information on:

- How the DAC gender equality policy marker works and what it tells us
- How the marker is applied in some bilateral donor agencies
- The political imperatives for establishing a baseline for agency expenditure on gender equality focussed aid
- UNDP's efforts to systematically track gender-related resources in five of its country offices, and
- What might be possible within the UN system.

**Panellists:**

- Valerie Gaveau, OECD DCD, Statistical Division
- Geert Deserranno, Chair of the OECD DAC Working Party on Statistics
- Angela Langenkamp, Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- Mikael Hemnti-Winther, Deputy Head of the Quality Assurance Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark
- Anna Fälth, Gender and Economy Specialist, Gender Team, UNDP

*Clarifying questions*

*Discussion on the opportunities and challenges for improved measurement and tracking of aid focussed on gender equality and women's empowerment*

**15h30-15h45**

Coffee break

**15h45 – 18h00**

**SESSION 3: STRENGTHENING MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARTNERS AND WITH EACH OTHER**

**Session chair: Bert van Geel, Netherlands DAC delegate and DAC facilitator for the GENDERNET**

The objective of this session is to share good practice in assessing multilateral performance.

**Speakers/panellists:**

- Introduction to MOPAN (the Multilateral Organizations Performance Assessment Network) - **Kemi Williams**, United Kingdom Department for International Development
- The World Bank-Netherlands Partnership Programme (BNPP) – **Robert Dijksterhuis**, Head of the Gender Unit of the Social and Institutional Development Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands and **Waafas Ofosu-Amaah**, Senior Gender Specialist, World Bank
- A proposal for a voluntary peer review mechanism on gender mainstreaming – **Maria Hartl**, Technical Advisor, Gender and Social Equity, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

- Strengthening mutual accountability at country level – the experience in Malawi – **Esperance Fundira**, UNFPA representative, Malawi

*Discussion on what has worked well/less well; and, on how assessment frameworks could be improved and used to raise gender equality and women's empowerment in political dialogue, with multilaterals, in partner countries and within bilateral donor agencies.*

**18h15-20h00**

**RECEPTION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND INVITED GUESTS (Salle Marshall, Château)**

- Welcome from Dorthea Damkjaer, Chair of the GENDERNET
- Angel Gurría, Secretary General of the OECD
- Brief reply by Marcela Villarreal on behalf of the UN's Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality

**DAY 2**

**Tuesday, 29 January 2007**

**09h30-11h30**

**SESSION 4: PARTNERSHIPS - EMERGING INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT PARTNER COUNTRY EFFORTS**

These breakout groups will use case studies to demonstrate:

- Emerging good practice in harmonisation, alignment and managing for results
- The respective comparative advantages of multilateral and bilateral donors, and
- Good practice in the division of labour.

**Breakout Group A [Room CC10]**

**THE WORLD BANK ACTION PLAN, AND WOMEN IN POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING IN TIMOR LESTE**

*Breakout Group Chair: Kathy Blakeslee, Director, Office of Women in Development, USAID*

**Case study 1**

**Gender equality as smart economics – building the political support for and implementing the World Bank's Action Plan on the ground:**

The Gender Action Plan as an illustration of building broad international political support for women's economic empowerment – **Angela Langenkamp**, Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ), Germany

The Gender Action Plan as an example of mobilising external and internal partners to secure senior management support for gender equality and women's economic empowerment within the World Bank; and information on efforts to continuously improve the World Bank's performance on gender equality and women's empowerment - **Mayra Buvinic**, Sector Director, Gender and Development, World Bank

**Dorthea Damkjaer** (Denmark) on strategic next steps to keep up the momentum for women's economic empowerment

**Maya Morsy**, UNIFEM Egypt Country Programme Co-ordinator, on UNIFEM's role in the results based initiatives

The Gender Action Plan as a vehicle for country level partnerships to promote women's economic empowerment - the case of Liberia – **Waafas Ofosu-Amaah**, Senior Gender Specialist, World Bank and **Maria Elena Ruiz Abril**, gender equality consultant, World Bank.

**Case study 2**

**Timor Leste – women in politics and decision-making.** Women have been increasingly playing a very active role in political decision-making in Timor Leste, as the country evolves into a modern nation. In the local elections in 2005, more than 1 300 women were elected as village council members with 29 women elected as hamlet and 22 as village chiefs. Following the legislative elections in 2007, women constitute 28% of the National Parliament, one of the highest percentages of women in a legislative body in the region. A number of key positions in Government are also occupied by women – Ministers of Justice, Finance, Social Solidarity and Vice Minister of Health. Since the country's independence in 2001, UNIFEM East and Southeast Asia has been implementing strong programmes on gender responsive democratic governance in Timor Leste in partnership with multiple stakeholders. This panel showcases UNIFEM's Integrated Programme for Women in Politics and in Decision-making in Timor Leste, supported by Irish Aid and others.

**Speakers:**

Dianne Arboleda, Officer-in-Charge, UNIFEM Programme Office  
Rosa Maria do Rosario de Sousa, Executive Director, FOKUPERS (Communication Forum for East Timorese Women)  
Carol Hannon, Irish Aid

**Breakout Group B [Room CC13] – English/Spanish interpretation will be available**

**ORGANISING AND CO-OPERATING ACROSS A REGION**

**Breakout Group Chair: Aminata Toure, Chief, Culture, Gender and Human rights Branch, UNFPA**

**Case study 3**

**Central America – UN/donor partnership to support Ministries of Women's Affairs to address gender dimensions of trade agreements**

This case study outlines the experience of UN agencies working together with the support of Italy and Sweden on a three-year programme to influence regional trade policy frameworks by addressing gender dimensions of trade agreements in the region.

**Speakers:**

Teresa Rodriguez, UNIFEM Central America Programme Director  
Bianca Pomeranzi, Senior Gender and Development Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy  
Raquel Herrera, Gender Specialist for UNDP's Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean

**Case study 4**

**How the World Bank partners with Regional Development Banks**

An example from a World Bank/Inter-American Development Bank Partnership on the Country Gender Assessment and policy dialogue on gender equality issues in Chile

**Speaker:**

Ana Maria Munoz Boudet, Consultant, World Bank

**Case study 5**

**Mainstreaming gender into economic policies to reach Millennium Development Goals**

This project in Central Asia and the South Caucasus by the UN's Economic Commission for Europe in co-operation with UNESCAP and SPECA Project Working Group focuses on additional targets and indicators to measure progress in mainstreaming gender into economic policy.

**Speaker:**

Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Senior Social Affairs Officer, UNECE

**Breakout Group C [Room D in the Château]****AID EFFECTIVENESS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS DECLARATION***Breakout Group Chair: Ineke van de Pol, Senior Policy Officer, Netherlands***Case study 6****EC/UN Partnership on gender equality for development and peace (European Commission, UNIFEM and ILO).**

This joint programme has been designed to identify practical approaches to further gender equality through new aid modalities. It also focuses on engaging women in conflict prevention and peace-building efforts. With a total budget of €4.7 million, it covers 12 countries: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Honduras, Nicaragua, Suriname, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine.

**Speakers:**

Tamas Varnai, Desk Officer for Gender Equality, Culture and Sport, European Commission  
 Osnat Lubrani, Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM  
 Krishna Hari Baskota, Joint Secretary (Programme and Budget Division), Ministry of Finance, Nepal

**Case study 7****Partnerships in Ghana**

How development partners support national efforts to address domestic violence, which reveals challenges and lessons in terms of moving forward.

**Speaker:**

Ian McFarlane, UNFPA deputy representative in Ghana and Chair of the Gender Donors Group

**Case study 8****Partnering for Gender Equality in the New Environment in Tanzania**

The emerging gender architecture and networking of partnerships in the context of different movements towards harmonisation - within the UN and with multilateral partners and government. The presentation will deal with *partnership* within the contexts of the implementation of the *Paris Declaration* (translated into the Joint Assistance Strategy for Tanzania) and UN Reform, in the case of Tanzania - One UN.

**Presenter:**

Nicola Jones, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Tanzania

**11h30-12h00**

Coffee break

**12h00-13h00****SESSION 5: INFLUENCING HOW AND WHERE DECISIONS ARE MADE**

**Session chair: Alexandra Trzeciak-Duval, Head, Policy Co-ordination, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate**

The objectives of this session are to consider:

- How multilaterals make programming decisions about their investments in gender equality and women's empowerment, and
- How bilateral donors can use political pressure and engagement to support multilateral partners to embed global political commitments in their practice.

**Speakers/Panel:**

- Winnie Byanyima, Director UNDP Gender Team
- How Nordic countries co-ordinate their political approaches and objectives - Ambassador Guro Vikor (Norway) and Nordic colleagues
- Eckhard Deutscher, DAC Chair and former World Bank Executive Director for Germany
- Influencing the decision-making and policies of multilateral agencies – S. Gulser Corat, Director, Division for Gender Equality, Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO

*Discussion on how bilateral donors can better influence and support multilateral decision-making and policies to provide a strong foundation for gender-equality focussed programming and strengthened mutual accountability.*

**13h00 – 15h00**

Lunch (own arrangements)

**15h00-16h30**

**SESSION 6: THE CHANGING UNITED NATIONS – IMPLICATIONS FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

**Session chair: Diana Rivington, CIDA**

The objectives of this session are to:

- Share emerging practice from the implementation of “One UN”, and
- Update participants with progress on the “gender equality entity”
- **Delivering as one**
  - Lubna Baqi, UN Development Group, to introduce the concept of “One UN”
  - Nicola Jones, UNFPA, Tanzania, on the national experience of “delivering as One”
  - Osnat Lubrani, UNIFEM, on experiences in Albania.
- **Update on progress with establishing the UN gender equality entity**
  - Carolyn Hannan, Director, UN Division for the Advancement of Women
  - Ambassador Guro Vikor (Norway)

*Clarifying questions*

*Discussion on how well the division of labour between the agencies is working; and, on how bilateral donors can support multilateral efforts.*

**16h30-16h45**

Coffee break

**16h45-17h30**

**CLOSING SESSION: MOVING FORWARD - NEXT STEPS - AN INTER-ACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Session chairs: Marcela Villarreal and Dorthea Damkjaer**

The objectives of this inter-active discussion will be to identify:

- Key messages to take forward to the Follow-up International Conference to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, 2008) and to the 2008 Commission on the Status of Women
- Opportunities for innovative partnerships in partner countries to build on and exploit the renewed interest in gender equality and women's empowerment
- Ways of improving the measurement and tracking of aid focussed on gender equality and women's empowerment, and
- Improved division of labour, based on comparative advantage in our respective efforts to advance gender equality and women's empowerment.

**Panellists and speakers:**

- Richard Carey, Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
- George Carner, DAC Delegate, United States
- Carolyn Hannan, Director, UN Division for the Advancement of Women
- Robert Dijksterhuis, Head of the Gender Unit of the Social and Institutional Development Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mikael Hemnti-Winther, Deputy Head of the Quality Assurance Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark
- Elizabeth Longworth, Executive Director of the Cabinet of the UNESCO Director General
- Winnie Byanyima, Director UNDP Gender Team

**17h30 – 17h45**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- Marcela Villarreal
- Dorthea Damkjaer

**WORKSHOP ENDS**