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EQUALITY (GENDERNET)**

**Gender Equality, Women's Rights and Women's Empowerment: cornerstones for achieving the MDGs  
and accelerating development beyond 2015**

**6-7 November 2013**

**OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue André-Pascal, 75016 Paris**

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room.*

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

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**Draft Agenda**

**Objective**

The objective of the workshop is to strategise on entry-points, opportunities and tactics to address the unfinished business of the MDGs for women and girls and ensure that gender equality, women's rights and women's empowerment are at the centre of the post-2015 development agenda, by:

- Exchanging lessons on achievements and challenges in the implementation of the MDGs for women and girls to identify strategies to accelerate progress towards and beyond 2015
- Identifying priority targets and indicators on gender equality and women's rights to be integrated into the post-2015 framework
- Strategising about how, when and where we can influence key political and intergovernmental processes leading to the agreement of the post-2015 framework

Wednesday 6 November	
From 08h30	Registration opens at the OECD Conference Centre
09h30-11h15 <i>Conference Room 13</i>	<p><b>OPENING PLENARY</b></p> <p><b><i>Opening statements by the Chairs</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Erik Solheim</b>, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee</li> <li>• <b>Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka</b>, Executive Director, UN Women</li> </ul> <p><b>SESSION 1:</b> <b>Setting the scene: gender equality, women’s rights and women’s empowerment – to 2015 and beyond</b></p> <p>Introduction to the overall objectives of the joint workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Melissa Stutsel</b>, Chair of the DAC Network on Gender Equality (Australia)</li> </ul> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>In this session speakers will inform participants about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• key political and intergovernmental processes leading to agreement on the post-2015 framework</li> <li>• the emerging politics – what is at stake and where do the challenges lie?</li> <li>• the emerging priorities and areas of consensus</li> <li>• inter-linkages between the MDGs, Sustainable Development Goals and post-2015 agendas</li> <li>• lessons learned from the implementation of the MDGs</li> </ul> <p>a) Introducing the roadmap to 2015: the view from New York</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN representative</b></li> </ul> <p>b) Introducing the emerging priorities and areas of consensus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saraswathi Menon</b>, Director of Policy Division, UN Women</li> <li>• <b>Ros Ebdon</b>, Head of the Gender Team, Department for International Development, United Kingdom</li> </ul> <p>c) Getting to grips with the Sustainable Development Goals/“sustainability”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sarah Bradshaw</b>, Principal lecturer, Middlesex University, on behalf of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
11h15	<b>COFFEE TO BE SERVED IN THE PLENARY ROOM</b>

11h30-13h00	<p><b>PARALLEL BREAKOUT GROUPS (1)</b></p> <p>This is the first of three parallel breakout sessions dedicated to case studies and presentations on the implementation of the MDGs and lessons for post-2015. Parallel breakout sessions will take place concurrently in three different rooms.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b> (these apply to all parallel breakout sessions)</p> <p>Case studies and presentations will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide practical lessons on what has worked well in the achievement of the MDGs for women and girls</li> <li>• Identify where the gaps remain under the seven priority areas</li> <li>• Showcase innovative practices and approaches to accelerate progress in the achievement of all the MDGs by the end of 2015</li> <li>• Draw out lessons for the post-2015 agenda, including implications for target and indicator selection</li> </ul> <p>Case studies and presentations will focus on seven priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls’ completion of a quality post-primary education</li> <li>• Women’s and girls’ sexual and reproductive health and rights</li> <li>• Women’s economic empowerment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Women’s paid and unpaid work, including entrepreneurship, equal pay and access to decent work</li> <li>○ Women’s access to and control over assets and resources</li> <li>○ Poverty and gender inequality</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Women’s leadership, voice and influence at all levels in public and private institutions, including in peacebuilding and humanitarian settings</li> <li>• Freedom from violence against women and girls</li> <li>• Women’s role in peacebuilding and statebuilding</li> <li>• Gender equality and environmental and energy sustainability, including responses to climate change, and women's access to and control over natural resources.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to these thematic discussions, particular focus will be given to two areas that are essential for implementation and accountability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of targets and indicators</li> <li>• Development financing</li> </ul> <p><b>Case studies and presentations will include:</b></p> <p><b><i>Women’s economic empowerment</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making a successful transition from school to work – lessons from Liberia and Nepal. Speaker: <b>Sarah Nedolast</b>, lead on the World Bank’s Economic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls and Young Women Programme.</li> </ul>
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- Findings from BRAC's ultra-poor programme in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Speaker: **Munshi Sulaiman**, Research Coordinator, BRAC Africa Programme.
- Achieving full and productive employment and decent work for all. Speaker: **Jane Hodges**, Chief of the Gender, Equality and Diversity Branch, International Labour Organization.
- Entrepreneurship, women's economic empowerment and poverty alleviation. Speaker: **Meg Jones**, Women and Trade Programme Manager, International Trade Centre.
- The gender equality dimensions of trade: case studies from Lesotho, the Gambia and Angola. Speaker: **Sheba Tejani**, Trade, Gender and Development Section, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

***Women's leadership, voice and influence***

- Young women leading change in Fiji. Speaker: **Jacque Koroï**, Young Women Advocate, World YWCA, Fiji.
- Implementing commitments on women's political participation in Kenya – UNDP Kenya and UN Women's Team of Eminent Persons Initiative. Speaker: TBC.
- Good practices and lessons learned from the implementation of the joint programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, UN Women, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the World Food Programme to accelerate the economic empowerment of rural women and the implementation of the MDGs. Speaker: **Libor Stloukal**, Policy Officer, FAO.
- Gender-responsive budgeting in Uganda – UN Women's experience. Speaker: TBC.

***Freedom from violence***

- Preventing violence against women and HIV – what does the evidence tell us? Speakers: **Lori Michau**, Co-director of Raising Voices, Uganda and **Charlotte Watts**, founding director of the Gender, Violence and Health Centre at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
- Tackling violence against women through the “Empowering Indonesian Women for Poverty Reduction” Programme (MAMPU), supported by AusAID. Speaker: **Desti Murdijana**, Secretary-General of Komnas Perempuan, the National Commission on Violence Against Women in Indonesia.
- Working with men and boys for gender equality – lessons learned and directions for the future. Speaker: **Dean Peacock**, Co-Chair of the MenEngage Alliance and Executive Director of Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa.
- Mainstreaming a human rights perspective into development programming on the elimination of violence against women. Speaker: **Gaynel Curry**, Gender and Women's Rights Advisor, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- UNFPA's experience of tackling gender-based violence in Morocco. Speaker: TBC.

***Girls' completion of a quality post-primary education***

- Reaching the most marginalised girls in Zimbabwe and Tanzania through the “A New Equilibrium for Girls” programme by the NGO Camfed International (Campaign for Female Education). Speaker: **Sally Gear**, Senior Education Advisor, DFID.

	<p><b><i>Women’s and girls’ sexual and reproductive health and rights</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNFPA’s experience of reducing maternal mortality in Nepal. Speaker: TBC.</li> <li>• Achieving the MDGs through accelerated country action for gender equality and HIV. Lessons learned from a UNAIDS initiative in Guatemala. Speaker: TBC.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Women’s role in peace-building and state-building</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Women’s Citizenship and Peace-building Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Speakers: <b>Agnès Sadik</b>, President of the Board of Caucus des Femmes Congolais du Sud-Kivu pour la Paix, DRC, and <b>Annika Törnqvist</b>, Head of Development Cooperation, Kvinna till Kvinna, Sweden.</li> <li>• Gender equality and statebuilding in fragile and conflict-affected states: lessons learned and implications for post-2015. Speaker: <b>Gail Farnqalo</b>, Minister Counsellor with the Liberian Mission to the United Nations and focal point on gender issues (TBC).</li> <li>• Monitoring Women Peace and Security indicators and their effect on the implementation of the MDGs: lessons for the post-2015 agenda. Speaker: <b>Sara Duerto Valero</b>, UN Women consultant.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Gender equality and environmental and energy sustainability, including responses to climate change and women’s access to and control over natural resources</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empowering women beer brewers using energy efficient stoves in Burkina Faso. Speaker: <b>Rana Ghoneim</b>, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation.</li> <li>• Women’s contribution to environmental and energy sustainability: UNEP’s experience. Speaker: <b>Janet Kabeberi-Macharia</b>, Head, Gender and Social Safeguards Unit, United Nations Environment Programme.</li> </ul> <p><b>Details on the timing of individual breakout sessions will be provided in the final agenda.</b></p>
13h00-14h30	<b>LUNCH</b>
14h30-16h00 <i>Conference Room 13</i>	<p><b>SESSION 2:</b></p> <p><b>Gender equality targets and indicators in the post-2015 framework</b></p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>In this session speakers will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify a limited number of priority targets and indicators on gender equality and women’s rights to propose for integration in the post-2015 framework</li> <li>• Strategise about what areas should be included under a standalone gender equality goal and what should be mainstreamed</li> <li>• Ground these proposals in the realities of statistical capacity in-country and emphasise the need for continued efforts to strengthen statistical capacity and data availability in developing countries</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Session Chair and introductory speaker: Martine Durand</b>, Director, OECD Statistics Directorate</p> <p><b>Lead speaker: Caren Grown</b>, Department of Economics, American University, Washington DC</p> <p><i>Panellists and discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNFPA</b></li> <li>• <b>Shelton Kanyanda</b>, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (PARIS 21). Statistical capacity in developing countries</li> <li>• <b>Shahrashoub Razavi</b>, Chief of the Research and Data Section, Policy Division, UN Women (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
16h00-16h30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
16h30-18h00	<p><b>PARALLEL BREAKOUT GROUPS (2)</b></p> <p>Case studies and presentations on priority policy areas continued</p>
18h00-20h00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COCKTAIL FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS HOSTED BY THE OECD</b> Château de la Muette (Salle Roger Ockrent)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Angel Gurría</b>, Secretary-General of the OECD</li> <li>• <b>Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka</b>, Executive Director, UN Women</li> </ul>

Thursday 7 November	
09h00-10h30	<b>PARALLEL BREAKOUT GROUPS (3)</b> Case studies and presentations on priority policy areas continued
10h30-11h00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11h00-12h15 <i>Conference Room 13</i>	<p><b>SESSION 3:</b> <b>Financing gender equality, women's rights and women's empowerment</b></p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>In this session speakers will inform participants about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• financing gaps for gender equality</li> <li>• innovative funding mechanisms to accelerate the achievement of gender equality and the MDGs</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patti O'Neill</b>, GENDERNET Secretariat, OECD. What are donors funding and where are the gaps?</li> <li>• <b>Irma van Dueren</b>, the Netherlands and <b>Nerea Craviotto</b>, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID). Innovative funding for gender equality: the Dutch MDG3 and FLOW Funds</li> <li>• <b>Theo Sowa</b>, Chief Executive Officer, African Women's Development Fund. Innovative funding for gender equality: the African Women's Development Fund (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>UN representative</b>. The experience of the MDG Achievement Fund (MDG-F) Window on Gender: main findings and the cross-cutting approach</li> <li>• <b>Moez Doraïd</b>, Director of the UN System Coordination Division, UN Women</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12h15-13h00 <i>Conference Room 13</i>	<p><b>SESSION 4:</b> <b>Reflections on the MDG experience: accelerating progress to 2015 and beyond</b></p> <p>a) A review of national MDG reports from a gender equality perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Megan Dersnah</b>, Consultant, UN Women</li> </ul> <p>b) Reflections on key messages emerging from workshop discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN IANWGE representative</b></li> <li>• <b>Melissa Stutsel</b>, Chair of the GENDERNET</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion to brainstorm questions and issues for the afternoon's high-level panel on post-2015</i></p>

13h00-14h30	<b>LUNCH</b>
14h30-15h00 <i>Conference Room 13</i>	<p><b>SESSION 5:</b></p> <p><b>An introduction to the ICPD and Beijing + 20 processes</b></p> <p>A video conference with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lakshmi Puri</b>, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships, UN Women</li> <li>• UNFPA speaker</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15h00-16h00 <i>Conference Room 13</i>	<p><b>SESSION 6:</b></p> <p><b>Supporting the post-2015 and SDG processes</b></p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>Identify entry points and strategies to influence political and intergovernmental processes leading to the agreement on the post-2015 framework, with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Open Working Group session on gender equality in February 2014</li> <li>• the Fifty-Eighth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2014</li> </ul> <p>Chair: <b>Jon Lomøy</b>, Director, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate</p> <p>a) Video conference with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Hendra</b>, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programmes, UN Women</li> <li>• <b>Representative of the Open Working Group on the SDGs</b> (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions for discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is the state of play with the negotiations?</li> <li>- Possible scenarios and likely outcomes of the process?</li> <li>- Entry-points, opportunities and challenges for integrating a strong focus on gender equality?</li> <li>- How to better support the Open Working Group session in February on gender equality?</li> </ul>
16h00-16h30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
16h30-17h45 <i>Conference Room 13</i>	<p>b) How we can work together to support these political processes</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>In this session participants will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach strategies and alliance building</li> <li>• Information and tactics</li> <li>• Partnering with civil society</li> <li>• Practical next steps</li> </ul>

	<p>Panel :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anna Brandt</b>, Sweden’s Ambassador for the Post-2015 agenda, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• <b>Open Working Group representative</b></li> <li>• <b>UN representative</b></li> <li>• <b>Heather Barclay</b>, Advocacy Officer, International Planned Parenthood Federation</li> <li>• <b>Noelene Nabulivou</b>, Executive Committee Member, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), Fiji and Women's Major Group (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>17h45-18h00</p> <p><i>Conference Room 13</i></p>	<p><b>CLOSING PLENARY</b></p> <p>Co-chairs’ conclusions: key messages from the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Melissa Stutsel</b>, Chair of the GENDERNET</li> <li>• <b>UN representative</b> on behalf of UN IANWGE</li> </ul> <p>Closing remarks</p>