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Promoting Gender Equality in New Aid Modalities and Partnerships

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Preliminary Programme

9 November

Pre-Conference Session on National Development Processes and New Aid Mechanisms

12.00 Registration Opens

14.00–14.30 Introduction

Ms Noeleen Heyzer

Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Ms Lieve Fransen

Head of Unit B3, DG Development, European Commission

14.30–15.00 Centralizing the MDGs in National Development Planning

*Ms Glenys Kinnock **

Member, European Parliament

15.00–15.30 The National Development Policy Process: Opportunities for Engagement

Ms. Rehema Kerefu-Sameji

Organization Women's Legal Aid Center (WLAC), Tanzania

*Jane Sanyu Mpagi **

Director, Gender and Community Development, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda

15.30 Break

16.00–18.00 Working Groups I

Key gender equality questions in the national development policies

Report back

18.30 Departure to the Cureghem Cellars

19.00 Welcome Dinner at the Cureghem Cellars

10 November

9.30–11.00 **OPENING ADDRESSES**

Promoting Gender Equality and Poverty Reduction in the New Development Strategy

*Mr Louis Michel **

Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, European Commission

The 2005 World Summit – Gender Equality in the International Development Agenda

Ms Noeleen Heyzer

Executive Director, UNIFEM

11.00–11.30 **Break**

11.30–13.00 **PLENARY 1**

Gender Equality in Development Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities

Chair: *H.E. Ms Judith Mbula Bahemuka*

UN Permanent Representative, Kenya

Effectiveness of Aid and Gender Equality

Mr Richard Carey

Deputy Director, Development Assistance Committee, OECD

Gender Equality in the New Aid Architecture: National Ownership

*H.E. Ms Angelina Muganza **

Minister of State, Skills Development and Labour, Rwanda

Gender Equality and Development Cooperation: Country Ownership and Donor Partnership

Ms Lieve Franssen

Head of Unit B3, DG Development, European Commission

13.00–14.30 **Lunch**

14.30–16.00 **PLENARY 2**

Gender Equality in National Development: Achievements and Challenges

Chair: *Ms Luisa Morgantini*

Chair, Development Committee, European Parliament

Embedding Gender Equality in National Development Planning

H.E. Ms Marcela Suazo

Minister of Women's Affairs, Honduras

Gender-Responsive Budgets – Country Experience

Mr Saif Eddine Senouci

Ministry of Finance and Privatization, Morocco

Measuring Progress in Gender Equality

H.E. Ms Patricia Espinosa

President, National Institute for Women, Mexico

Embedding Gender Equality in the MDGs

H.E. Dr Ing Kantha Phavi
Minister of Women's Affairs, Cambodia

Creating Accountability in National Policy Processes

Ms Jeanne Makoutode
Social Alert, Rifonga, Benin

16.00–16.30 Break

16.30–18.00 Working Groups II

Monitoring accountability to gender in aid modalities and partnerships

18.30 Reception

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9.00–10.30 PLENARY 3

Strategies for Gender Equality in the New Aid Modalities: Challenges and Opportunities

*Chair: H.E. Ms Valerie Nyirahabineza **
Minister of Gender and the Promotion of Family, Rwanda

Monitoring accountability to gender in aid modalities and partnerships (Working Groups II report back)

*Professor Savitri Goonesekere **
Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR), Sri Lanka

Gender and PRSPs in Africa

Ms Zo Randriamaro
Association for Women's Rights in Development, Senegal

Budget Support and Basket Funding: The Case of Kenya

Ms Nyaradzai Gumbonzvanda
Regional Programme Director, East and Horn of Africa Regional Office, UNIFEM

Tracking Governance in Accountability Mechanisms

Ms Anne Marie Goetz
Chief Adviser, Governance, Peace and Security, UNIFEM

Gender Equality in Sector-Wide Support and Budget Support

Mr Bernard Petit
Director, Directorate B, DG Development, European Commission

10.30–11.00 Break

11.00–12.30 Working Groups III

Good practices for strengthening gender equality in new aid partnerships

12.30–14.00 Lunch

**14.00–14.15 Good practices for strengthening gender equality in new aid partnerships
(Working Groups III report back)**

14.15–15.15 *INTERACTIVE PANEL*

Implementing Gender Equality in the New Aid Modalities

Chair: Ms Joanne Sandler

Deputy Director, Programmes, UNIFEM

Ms Mayra Buvinic

Sector Director, Gender and Development, World Bank

Ms Brigitte Holzner

Austrian Development Agency

Ms Patti O'Neal

Network on Gender Equality, Development Assistance Committee, OECD

Mr Koos Richelle

Director-General, DG Europe Aid Cooperation Office, European Commission

15.15–15.45 Break

15.45–16.45 *INTERACTIVE PANEL*

Promoting Gender Equality – Women's Voices from the South

Chair: Ms Jacinta Muteshi *

Chairperson, National Commission on Gender and Development, Kenya

*Ms Elizabeth Eilor **

Coordinator, African Women's Economic Policy Network (AWEPON)

Ms Rukmini Rao

South Asian Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE)

Ms Gina Vargas

Flora Tristan, Peru

16.45–17.00 Conclusions and Closing Ceremony

Mr Koos Richelle

Director-General, DG Europe Aid Cooperation Office, European Commission

Ms Noeleen Heyzer

Executive Director, UNIFEM

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