

**Training Workshop on Implementation and Reporting under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

Nassau, The Bahamas

19-21 May 2004

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

*Wednesday 19 May 2004*

8.00 – 8.45 am

**Registration**

8.45 – 9.30 am

**Opening statements**

*Ms. Christine Brautigam  
Chief, Women's Rights Section  
Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations*

*The Hon. Melanie Griffin, MP  
Minister of Social Services and Community Development, The Bahamas*

9.30 – 10.00 am

**Participants introduction and expectations**

**Context of the workshop and objectives**

10.00 – 10.15 am

**Tea**

10.15 – 10.45 am

**The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: Context and Background**

§ History of the Convention

§ Ratification and accession

§ Monitoring of implementation

§ Relationship between the Convention and other international human rights instruments

10.45 am – 12.30 pm

**Obligations in the Convention**

§ The Convention, article by article

§ General recommendations of the Committee

§ Reservations

*Professor Cees Flinterman  
CEDAW Committee Member and Professor of Human Rights,  
University of Utrecht*

12.30 – 2.00 pm

**Lunch**



12.15 – 2.00 pm

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2.00 – 3.00 pm

**Report- back from Working Groups on Reporting**

3.00 – 4.00 pm

**The Optional Protocol**

§ History

§ The complaints procedure

§ The inquiry procedure

*Professor Cees Flinterman*

**Friday 21 May**

8.30 – 10.00 am

**The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

§ Composition

§ Method of work

§ Presentation and examination of the report

**Concluding Comments of the Committee**

*Professor Cees Flinterman*

10.00 – 10.15 am

**Tea**

10.15 – 11.45 am

**Parallel Working Groups on Follow-Up to Concluding Comments**

Participants must consider the requirements and obligations for following-up on the concluding comment of the Committee, including short, medium and long-term strategies, collaboration with relevant stakeholders and resources. Participants will be asked to focus on article 2 and one other article (suggested articles are 10, 11 or 12).

11.45 am – 12.45 pm

**Report-back from Working Groups on Follow-Up**

12.45 – 1.30 pm

**Workshop Evaluation and Closure**