

United Nations
Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)
International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)
Expert Group Meeting on
“Environmental management and
the mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective”
Ankara, Turkey
6 - 9 November 2001

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 5 November 2001

7:00 p.m. Registration of participants

Tuesday, 6 November 2001

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration of participants

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening ceremony

Message from Ms. Angela E.V. King, Assistant Secretary-General,
Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women,
United Nations

Message from the United Nations Secretariat for the International Strategy for
Disaster Reduction (ISDR)

Statement by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Mete Isikara, Director of Kandilli Observatory and
Earthquake Research Institute, Bosphorus University

Message from the Honorable Mr. Hasan Gemici, Minister of State of the
Republic of Turkey

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Election of officers and adoption of the programme of work
Introduction to the meeting

11:30 – 12:15 p.m. Shubh Kumar Range (India): *“Environmental management and disaster risk
reduction and mitigation: A gender perspective”*

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Elaine Enarson (USA): *“Results of the on-line discussion on gender equality,
environmental management and natural disaster mitigation”*

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch

- 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Panel I: *“The link between environmental management and natural disaster reduction: a gender perspective”* - Presentations by experts:
- Samia Galal Abdel Hamid Saad (Egypt): *“Neglect of environmental dimensions and gender equality in urban and rural planning and its impact on natural disasters”*
- Maureen Helen Fordham (United Kingdom): *“Challenging Boundaries: A gender perspective on early warning in disaster and environmental management”*
- Mahjabeen Chowdhury (Bangladesh): *“Women’s technological innovations and adaptations for disaster mitigation: A case study of charland in Bangladesh”*
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break
- 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. Presentation by observers followed by general debate

Wednesday, 7 November 2001

- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Panel II: *“Disaster reduction and risk management from a gender perspective”*- Presentations by experts:
- Nora Sequeira Munoz (Costa Rica): *“Risk Management: An alternative perspective in gender analysis”*
- Angus Graham (South Africa): *“Gender mainstreaming guidelines for disaster management programmes –A principled socio-economic and gender analysis approach”*
- Lynn Orstad (Canada): *“Tools for change: emergency management for women”*
- Armine Mikayelyan (Armenia): *“Earthquake mitigation from a gender perspective in Armenia”*
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 p.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presentation by observers followed by general debate
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Panel III: “The role of different actors in disaster reduction and risk management” - Presentations by experts: Angeles Arenas Ferriz (Cuba/Spain): <i>“A gender perspective in damage assessment and recovery strategies”</i> Sengül Akçar (Turkey): <i>“Grassroots women's collectives - roles in post-disaster efforts: Potential for sustainable partnership and good governance”</i> Madhavi Malalgoda Ariyanbandu (Sri Lanka): <i>“Gender concerns w?th?n the alternative perspective to d?sasters: the case of south Asian countries”</i> Feride Acar (CEDAW): <i>“Women’s human rights ?n disaster context: How can CEDAW help?”</i>
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 –5:30 p.m.	General debate, establishment of working groups

Thursday, 8 November 2001

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Working groups on 1. Gender sensitive strategies for environmental management and risk reduction 2. Transforming knowledge about gender relations in environmental management and risk reduction 3. Enabling women’s full and equal participation in environmental management and risk reduction
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Working groups continue
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Working groups continue
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.	Reports from working groups to plenary

Friday, 9 November 2001

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Introduction of draft recommendations in plenary
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Completion of recommendations and report by the drafting committee
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Completion of recommendations and report by the drafting committee
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Adoption of final report and recommendations, followed by closing session