



Round Table of National Human Rights Institutions and National Machineries for the Advancement of Women

*** Ouarzazate, Morocco, 15-20 November 2004 ***

PROGRAMME

The objective of the Round Table is to strengthen capacity of national machineries for the advancement of women and national human rights institutions (NIs) to promote and protect the human rights of women, through the development of institutional links and joint strategies. The Round Table will be conducted in English, French and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.

The Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will make opening presentations on national machineries for the advancement of women and NIs, respectively. An expert of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) will give an overview of the Committee's practice in regard to the role of national machineries and NIs.

Each of the thematic sessions of the Round Table will be opened by participants' presentations on experiences and good practices. These will be followed by a discussion and exchange of experiences, including of constraints and challenges, among all participants. The Round Table will be held in Ouarzazate, Morocco, from 15 to 20 November 2004.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; and (5) developing national action plans. The Round Table will conclude with identification of strategies for enhanced cooperation and coordination between the two sets of institutions.

Proposed programme of work

Monday 15 November: ARRIVAL - WELCOME

23:15 Arrival of participants at Ouarzazate airport and transfer to the Hotel.

Tuesday 16 November:

Opening session

Thematic sessions: (1) The role of human rights education; and (2) Enjoyment of human rights by disadvantaged groups of women

09.00 - 10:30 Opening session

Representatives of the Conseil consultatif des droits de l'homme of Morocco (CCDH), OHCHR, and DAW will outline the objectives of the Round Table.

Omar Azziman (CCDH)

Marianne Haugaard (OHCHR)

Christine Brautigam (DAW)

NIs, National machineries for the advancement of women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women: an overview

Representatives of OHCHR and DAW, and an expert of CEDAW will provide an overview of the main roles and functions of NIs, national machineries for the advancement of women, and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, respectively.

Marianne Haugaard (OHCHR)

Christine Brautigam (DAW)

CEDAW expert (TBC)

Participants' presentation of key challenges

Participants, in a tour de table, will be invited to highlight key challenges they face in the implementation of their mandates in their respective countries. They will be invited to prepare brief written summaries (2 to 4 pages) in advance.

10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 - 12:30 Continuation of key challenges

12:30 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 15:30

Thematic session (1): Human rights education

This session will focus on sharing experiences on the role of human rights education in the promotion and protection of the human rights of women. In particular, participants will discuss the role human rights education plays in the work of their institutions, and the means and modalities for carrying out human rights education. It will assess how, and to what extent, human rights education incorporates a gender perspective, places a particular emphasis on women's human rights, and/or is targeted at women. Attention will be paid to the emphasis placed on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in human rights education. In doing so, the session will also assess human rights education programming and

18:30 *Event*

Wednesday 17 November:

Thematic sessions: (3) Institutional dimensions; (4) The role of national institutions in the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; and (5) Developing National Action Plans

09:00 - 10:30

Thematic session (3): Institutional dimensions - Working in partnership for the protection and promotion of women's human rights

This session will focus on institutional set-ups at the country level for promotion

12:30 *Lunch break*

14:00 - 15:30

Thematic session (5): Developing national action plans

Four participants will comment from their own experience in developing national plans of action, including their collaboration with other national institutions. The session will review issues of process, content and outcomes of national action plans, and related measures and indicators. Successes, impact and lessons learned will be an important aspect of discussion.

(Zambia, Human Rights Commission) (TBC)

(Lithuania, Labour Market and Equal Opportunities Office) (TBC)

(two more) (TBC)

15:30 *Tea break*

16:00 - 17:30 Strategies for future cooperation and interaction

The session will identify strategies and steps to be taken to enhance future cooperation and institutional linkages, and means for enhancing the effectiveness of the work of these two sets of institutions in the protection and promotion of women's human rights.

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17:30 Adjournment

Thursday 18 November: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

09:00 - 10:30 Preparation of conclusions and recommendations of the Round Table

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10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 - 12:00 Finalization and adoption of conclusions and recommendations

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12:00 - 12:30 Closing session

14:00 *Visit to women's institutions*

18:30 *Event*

Friday 19 November: DEPARTURE

05.00 am Departure of the participants from Hotel.¹

06.30 Departure of flight to Casablanca from Ouarzazate airport.