



INTRODUCTION

The work to achieve the objectives set in the Nairobi Forward-looking

I. UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT UNITS

Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

The Department of International Economic and Social Affairs provides a wide range of services to the international community, including: the collection of economic, social and demographic data on a globally standardized

and a number of other activities of cooperation between the economic and social

programmes of the United Nations and its specialized agencies. Some specific activities undertaken or planned by the Department are described below.

Economic issues

The World Economic Survey prepared by the Department and submitted to the

Co-ordination

At the request of the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on
[REDACTED] in collaboration

The Department's focal point for inquiries concerning women is the Project

One essential aspect of the principal activities of ECLAC is the inclusion

Arab women; and the regular programme for ESCWA women in development has expanded its research activities, emphasizing three major issues, namely, ~~participation in the informal sector of the economy, the changing~~

~~functions of the Arab family as a social institution and the identification~~

of a third choice for women that would meet the demands of their social and economic roles.

~~The report of the Secretary-General on General Assembly resolution 42/106~~

The strategy has been actively promoted and pursued after its endorsement by the Executive Board. By 1990, it is expected that all country programmes should be fully responsive to the programme objectives being pursued; the major components of the strategy will have been built into the framework of most country programmes; and at least 50 per cent of staff will have acquired the ~~competence, experience and skills necessary to incorporate the needs and con-~~

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

So far, the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to implement the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies have ~~been carried out within the framework of the Substantial New Programme~~

United Nations Development Programme

In 1987, the initial focus of the Division for Women in Development of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was on the elaboration of a policy paper for UNDP staff, consisting of the UNDP policy goals for women in development and procedures for implementation. It includes a project review

presence of women in significant proportions in professional posts in various projects in industry, science and technology, at least among national staff; ~~among international staff in these fields there appears to be a lower represen-~~

~~to be derived from the same in most developing countries.~~

The present focus will continue, with intensified efforts being made to reach women through UNDP development assistance. Emphasis will be on formulating projects that, from the very start, take into consideration the gender distribution in the particular field of activity. The goal of increasing women's access to and participation in development through UNDP activities and in line with the Forward-looking Strategies will continue to be pursued.

The future plans related to the implementation of the Forward-looking

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Information dissemination and storage, key factors of the overall plans of UNIFEM, are put into operation through its Knowledge Bank System. Occasional papers (seven to date) are published to share knowledge and experience on innovative and catalytic areas such as credit support systems and food-cycle technology.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Actions called for in the Forward-looking Strategies are reflected in various protection and assistance measures UNHCR has taken in recent years.

Improved statistics and indicators

Even before the Nairobi Conference, INSTRAW was committed to improving statistics and indicators, launching in 1983, jointly with the United Nations World Office on ambitious programme to improve data on women: two

World Food Programme

The major steps taken by the World Food Programme (WFP) to implement the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies include the following:

- (a) The formulation and adoption of policy guidance requiring gender

stages of the project cycle;

(b) The development and distribution of sector specific guidance

A goal of the ILO Medium-term Plan (1990-1995), adopted in 1987, is to

Major ILO-executed projects in the field of vocational training and

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Future activities are aimed at improving: data bases on rural women in developing countries; the training of all staff in the planning and implementation process; the monitoring system on women; and institutional services and structures to facilitate the access of women to agricultural resources.

World Health Organization

Plans were made at all levels of the World Health Organization (WHO) to translate two of the strategies and goals of the United Nations Decade for Women, health and development, into reality.

In 1986, the Thirty-ninth World Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA39.18 on implementation requirements of the Nairobi Forward-looking

... considered in the role of women. Technical

IFAD itself has prepared a policy paper on women in development/
implementation strategy and a plan of action. Proposed activities include,
inter alia: an evaluation study on the impact of IFAD projects on the role of

As a result, increasing attention is being given to the subject in the
main activities of UNIDO such as: technical co-operation, studies and