

**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**

2.00 – 3.45 pm

**Parallel Working Groups on Implementation of Substantive Provisions (articles 1-16)**

Participants must provide information on the current status of implementation of article 2 and one other article in the Convention (suggested articles are 10, 11 or 12). Participants should discuss the requirements for implementation of each of the articles chosen, including experiences, challenges, lessons learned, techniques and best practice examples of implementation. Participants should also highlight and identify strategies and mechanisms available to support more effective implementation, and different actors and their responsibilities for implementation.

3.45 – 4.45 pm

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

6.00 pm

**Reception at Government House, hosted by the Hon. Melanie Griffin, Minister of Social Services and Community Development, The Bahamas**

*Transportation will be provided from the hotel. Dress: lounge suit*

***Thursday 20 May 2004***

8.45 – 10.15 am

**Reporting Under the Convention**

- The object of reporting
- Challenges to reporting
- The Convention and reporting requirements under art. 18
- Reporting guidelines of the Committee
- The role of United Nations regional commissions, specialized agencies, funds and programmes in reporting
- The role of civil society and NGOs in preparing reports

*Professor Cees Flinterman*

10.15 – 10.30 am

**Tea**

10.30 am – 12.15 pm

**Parallel Working Groups on Reporting**

Participants must provide an overview of the structures that exist for the preparation of reports in accordance with article 18 of the Convention. This should include a discussion of the mechanisms in place in the lead Ministry/office for preparation of the report, including opportunities for collaboration within and outside the government, methods of data collection, sources of information etc. Each group should identify and analyse challenges to reporting in their own countries and strategies available to overcome them. Each group will be asked to prepare an outline for reporting on article 2 and one other article (suggested articles are 10, 11 or 12).

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**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**