

**PROGRAMME OF WORK: SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCLUDING COMMENTS/  
OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE  
ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN  
AND THE COMMITTEE AGAINST RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION  
CAIRO, EGYPT 19-22 DECEMBER**

**First Day** Monday 19 December, 2005 (morning session)

**09:30 –10:30 Registration**

10:30- 11:15	<b>Opening Session (Chairperson: Dr. Sahar Nasr, member of the National Council for Women)</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(MAIN CONFERENCE HALL)</b></span>
	<p><b>Welcome Statements by :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Message from Dr. Farkhonda Hassan, Secretary-General of the National Council for Women of Egypt read by Dr. Sahar Nasr</li> <li>• Ms. Náela Gabr, Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs (Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</li> <li>• Mr. Antonio Vigilante, UN Resident Coordinator (UNDP)</li> <li>• Message from Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director of DAW, read by Ms. Emanuela Calabrini (DAW)</li> <li>• Message from Ms. Louise Arbour, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, read by Mr. Frej Fenniche (OHCHR)</li> </ul>
11:15-11:30	COFFEE BREAK
	<b>Chairperson: Ms. Francoise Gaspard, CEDAW member</b>
11:30- 12:00	Presentation of the objectives of the workshop and of the workshop documents (Ms. Nathalie Prouvez, OHCHR and Ms. Saras Jagwanth, DAW)
12:00-13:00	The UN Human Rights System ( Ms. Mylène Bidault, OHCHR and Ms. Saras Jagwanth, DAW)
13:00- 14:00	Presentation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW Committee) (Ms. Dubravka Šimonovic and Ms. Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani, CEDAW members)
14:00- 15:00	<b>LUNCH</b>

**Afternoon Session (Chairperson: Mr. Mahmoud Aboul-Nasr, CERD member)**

15:00- 16:00	Presentation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) (Mr. Nourredine Amir, CERD member)
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16:00- 16:15	Introduction of working groups' themes and distribution in working groups (Ms. Nathalie Prouvez, OHCHR, Ms. Emanuela Calabrini, DAW)
16:15- 17:30	<p>Discussion in 3 working groups (facilitators: one CERD and one CEDAW member) *</p> <p>-WG1: Constitutional and Legislative framework, and obstacles to the implementation of the conventions (Ms. Belmihoub Zerdani and Mr. Aboul-Nasr)</p> <p>-WG2: Independent monitoring structures/national machineries. (Ms. Šimonovic Mr. Morten Kjaerum)</p> <p>-WG3: Discrimination-based violence, including incitement to racial violence and hatred and access to justice/remedies (Ms. Dah, Ms. Gaspard and Mr. Amir)</p>
19:00	<p>Reception hosted by the Government of Egypt</p> <p><b>(DIPLOMATIC CLUB)</b></p>

## Second Day

**Tuesday 20 December, 2005 Morning Session (Chairperson: Ms. Šimonovic, CEDAW member)**

(MAIN CONFERENCE HALL)

09:00 - 09:15	Discussion in working groups continued
10:45-11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00- 12:00	Report in plenary on working group discussion
12:00- 13:00	Presentation of UN programmes in the region and possibilities for cooperation in follow-up to the CEDAW committee and CERD's recommendations (panel of representatives of UN programmes:, UNESCO, UNIFEM, OHCHR)
13:00- 14:30	LUNCH
	<b>Afternoon Session (Chairperson, Mr. Kjaerum, CERD member)</b>
14:30- 15:30	The role of civil society and national human rights institutions in follow-up to concluding observations (Ms. Wassila Tamzali, Collectif 95 Maghreb Egalité, Algeria; Ms. Amina Lemrini Elouahabi, Conseil Consultatif des droits de l'homme, Morocco; Mr. Abdoulaye Sow, Association Mauritanienne des droits de l'homme)
15:30- 15:45	COFFEE BREAK
15:45- 16:00	Introduction of working group themes and distribution in working groups.
16:00- 18:00	<b>Discussion in 3 working groups (facilitators: one CERD and one CEDAW member)*</b> -WG: Equal enjoyment of rights to education, health and employment (Ms. Šimonovic and Mr. Aboul-Nasr) -WG2: Multiple forms of discrimination (on grounds of race, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin, gender and nationality/citizenship) (Ms. Gaspard, Mr. Amir and Mr. Kjaerum) -WG3: Harmful cultural practices and stereotypes (Ms. Zerdani and Ms. Dah)

**\* Using the relevant articles of the conventions as well as the recent concluding comments / observations of the committees relevant to the themes as a guide (these will be included in participants' files ),each group will discuss common experiences and obstacles, and identify effective techniques and best practice examples for following –up on the concluding comments of the committees. Participants should also develop a concrete action plan and timetable, both short –term and long –term, for implementation and dissemination of concluding comments in relation to the theme being discussed.**

## Third Day

**Wednesday 21 December, 2005 Morning Session (Chairperson: Ms. Belmihoub-Zerdani, CEDAW member)**

(MAIN CONFERENCE HALL)

09:00-10:00	Discussion in working groups continued
10:00- 11:00	Report in plenary on working group discussions
11:00-11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15- 12:15	The role of the CEDAW committee and CERD as facilitators for the implementation of and follow-up to concluding observations / comments (Mr. Kjaerum , CERD member and Ms. Gaspard, CEDAW member)
12:15- 13:00	Optional Protocol to CEDAW (Ms. Šimonovic, CEDAW member)
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH
	<b>Afternoon Session (Chairperson: Mr. Nourredine Amir, CERD member)</b>
14:30- 15:15	Individual complaints procedure under article 14 of ICERD (Ms. Dah, CERD member)
15:15- 15:30	COFFEE BREAK
15:30- 17:30	Discussion in working groups of national follow-up plans, including preparation of the subsequent report**

**\*\* Drawing on the earlier working group discussions, participants will develop concrete national follow-up plans to concluding comments /observations of both committees in country –based working groups.**

## Fourth Day

Thursday 22 December, 2005 Morning Session (Chairperson Mr. Frej Fenniche, OHCHR)  
(MAIN CONFERENCE HALL)

09:00-10:00	Report in plenary on working group discussions
10:00- 11:00	Presentation and adoption of report of the workshop
11:00- 11:30	COFFEE BREAK
12:00- 12:30	Closing session. (Chairperson: Mrs. Farkhonda Hassan, NCW) First Lady, Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak Frej Fenniche, OHCHR Regional Representative
12:45	<i>Lunch at "THE PLACE" at the invitation of The National Council for Women</i>