

PROGRAMME OF WORK

TRAINING MISSION ON REPORTING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, SIERRA LEONE

BINTUMANI HOTEL, FREETOWN 20-22 JUNE 2006

DAY ONE: THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL MACHINERY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN PREPARATION OF THE REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

Tuesday 20 June 2006

8.00 – 8.30	Registration
8.30 – 8.45	Introduction and background to the training workshop (<i>Saras Jagwanth, Adviser, Division for the Advancement of Women</i>)
8.45 – 9.00	Participant introductions and expectations
9.00 – 10.00	The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: overview (<i>Dorcas Coker-Appiah, member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women</i>)
10.00 – 10.15	Tea
10.15 – 11.15	Reporting under article 18 of the Convention: working methods and reporting guidelines of the Committee (<i>Shanthi Dairiam, member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women</i>)
11.15 - 11.45	Preparation of the draft report: background
11.45 – 1.00	Preparation of the report for enhanced implementation of the Convention: good

practices, including the role of NGOs (*Dorcas Coker-Appiah and Shanthi Dairiam*)

1.00 – 2.30

Lunch

2.30- 4.00

Parallel working groups on the process of preparation of the report and gaps in the report
On the basis of the previous discussions, in particular the lessons learned, the participants will discuss (i) the process of preparation of the report and lessons learned and (ii) gaps in the report from the perspective of the work of the MSWGA, including articles 1-5.

4.00 – 4.30

Report-back to plenary.
Each working group will report back for a maximum of 10 minutes.

4.30 – 4.45

Wrap-up and closure

DAYS 2 AND 3: ROLE OF KEY LINE MINISTRIES IN PREPARATION OF THE REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

Wednesday 21 June 2006

9.00 – 9.15

Introduction and background to the workshop
(*Saras Jagwanth*)

9.15- 9.30

Participant introductions and expectations

9.30 -11.00

Overview of the Convention, focusing on the framework articles, as well as the obligations in specific articles relating to justice, education, health and economic and development planning
(*Dorcas Coker-Appiah and Shanthi Dairiam*)

10.30 – 11.15

Tea

11.15 – 12.30

Role of line ministries in contributing to the report and implementation of the Convention, including data collection and methods of collaboration (*Dorcas Coker-Appiah*)

12.30 – 2.15

Lunch

2. 15 – 4.15

*** Parallel working groups: the draft report – gaps and challenges**

Participants will break into four working groups, each focusing on one of the following substantive areas: justice, health, education, and economic and development planning. On the basis of the relevant sections of the draft report, participants will identify and discuss what gaps and challenges exist in the report in each of the areas, and information that remains to be included in the report to ensure compliance with the reporting guidelines. Each working group must select a rapporteur to report back to the plenary session.

Thursday 20 June 2006

9.00 – 9.30

Report back from working groups

Each group will report back for a maximum of 10 minutes.

9.30 – 10.30

Forms of collaboration and role of NGOs and civil society in monitoring implementation of the Convention (*Shanthi Dairiam*)

10.30 – 11.30

*** Parallel working groups on strategies for implementation on the basis of the draft report**

Remaining in the same working groups and focusing on the same substantive areas, participants should discuss strategies for implementation, including the role of the line ministries in implementation of the relevant areas of the Convention. Participants should also discuss modalities for collaboration between the Government and civil society as well as inter-ministerial coordination.

11.30 – 12.00

Report back from working groups

12.0 – 1.00

Wrap up, evaluation and closure

1.00

Lunch

Notes

Staff of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs will attend all days of the workshop.

All sessions will be held in plenary, with the exception of working groups marked with an asterisk*.