

**Commission on the Status of Women**  
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**Interactive Expert Panel on**  
**“Capacity-building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS”**

Tuesday, 3 March 2009, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Panellists:**

1. Ms. Heisoo Shin (Visiting Professor, EWHA Womans University, Seoul, Republic of Korea)
2. Ms. Giedre Purvaneckiene (Associate Professor, University of Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania)
3. Mr. Gary Barker (Senior Technical Advisor on Gender, Violence and Rights at the International Center for Research on Women, Washington, DC, USA and Co-coordinator, Men Engage Alliance)
4. Mr. Bafana Khumalo (Co-founder and Co-director, Sonke Gender Justice Project, South Africa)
5. Ms. Naomi Cassirer (Senior Technical Specialist, Conditions of Work and Employment Programme, International Labour Organization)

**1. Ms. Heisoo Shin** is a visiting professor at the Graduate School of International Studies at EWHA Womans University in Seoul. She was a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women from 2001-2008. In this capacity she focused on, among other things, the implementation of gender mainstreaming, addressing stereotypes and efforts to end violence against women. She has served on various committees of different Ministries in the Government of the Republic of Korea ranging from the Ministry of Gender Equality, Health and Welfare to the Ministry of Strategy and Finance. She holds a PhD in Sociology.

**2. Ms. Giedre Purvaneckiene** is presently Associate Professor in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Vilnius. From 2006 to 2008, she served as Adviser on Social and Health Issues to the Prime Minister. From 2000 to 2004, she was a Member of Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania. She contributed to the development of Lithuanian Family Policy, the State Policy on Child Welfare and to the Action Plan of the Advancement of Women of Lithuania. Her specific areas of expertise and research cover gender equality, women's and family issues. Ms. Purvaneckiene has published widely, including on social rights and entitlements. She holds a PhD in Social Sciences.

**3. Mr. Gary Barker** is Senior Technical Advisor on Gender, Violence and Rights at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) in Washington, DC, and the co-coordinator of the Men Engage Alliance, a global alliance of NGOs and United Nations

agencies that seeks to engage boys and men to achieve gender equality. Prior to taking up his current position at ICRW, Mr. Barker served as the founding Executive Director for Promundo, a Brazilian NGO that works locally and internationally to promote gender equality. He has coordinated research and programme development on engaging men and boys in gender equality in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. He holds a PhD in Child Development.

**4. Mr. Bafana Khumalo** is a Co-founder and Co-director of the Sonke Gender Justice Project in South Africa. Mr. Khumalo served as the Deputy Chairperson of the National Commission on Gender Equality from 2000-2006. He was also the Director of the Lobethal Lutheran Conference Centre and the Executive Director of the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa. At the Commission for Gender Equality, he assisted National and Provincial Departments of Government to plan and coordinate many activities related to men, gender equality and HIV/AIDS. These include the development of the National Gender Machinery Working Group on Men and Gender Equality, and the organization of a multi-year “Men's Dialogue” in all nine provinces.

**5. Ms. Naomi Cassirer** is a Senior Technical Specialist with the Conditions of Work and Employment Programme of the International Labour Organization (ILO). She is responsible for programmes on work and family and maternity protection. She joined the ILO in 2001 as a Senior Gender Specialist in the ILO office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific where she provided policy advice and technical support to national organizations in promoting gender equality in employment. She has published on sex and race inequality in employment, covering occupational segregation, promotions, pay, nonstandard work, work-family conflict and maternity protection. She holds a PhD in Sociology.