

**Expert Group Meeting on
“Information and communication technologies
and their impact on and use as an instrument
for the advancement and empowerment of women”
Seoul, Republic of Korea
11 to 14 November 2002**

Please note that the opening of the meeting will take place on 11 November 2002, 9h30 a.m. at the following address:

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF WORK

Sunday, 10 November 2002

7:00 p.m. Briefing of experts

Monday, 11 November 2002

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration of participants (observers and national observers)

9.30 – 10:45 a.m. Opening ceremony (tentative)

- Message from Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA, United Nations
- Message from H.E. Ms. Myungsook Han, Minister for Gender Equality, Ministry of Gender Equality, Republic of Korea
- Opening statement by Ms. Anne-Isabelle Degryse-Blateau, United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Korea
- Opening statement by Ms. Ingunn Yssen, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, ITU
- Opening statement by KWDI representative

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Election of officers and adoption of the programme of work

Introduction to the meeting

Presentation by DAW

Presentation of background paper by Gillian Marcelle, consultant, DAW

- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Presentation by experts
- Panel I: *“National ICT policies and gender equality”*
- “Gender issues in ICT policy in developing countries: an overview”*
Nancy Hafkin (USA)
- “National ICT policies and Gender Equality. Regional perspective: Asia”*
Chat Ramilo (Philippines)
- “Regional perspective: Latin America”*
Gloria Bonder (Argentina)

It is proposed that presentations of experts’ papers would not exceed 15 minutes each, in order to allow for a short question-and-answer session.

- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Presentations by experts
- Panel II: *“ICT as an instrument for participation”*
- “The regional perspective from Africa, examples of Internet use at the grassroots level”*
Fatimata Seye Sylla (Senegal)
- “Using new technologies for enhancing women’s participation in the EU accession and integration: a case study”*
Malgorzata Tarasiewicz (Poland)

- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Presentations by observers followed by discussion

It is proposed that observers who have prepared papers be given an opportunity to make short oral presentations, not to exceed five minutes each.

Tuesday, 12 November 2002

- 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Presentations by experts
- Panel III: *“ICT as an instrument for enhancing women’s capabilities”*
- “ICT as a tool for enhancing women’s education opportunities; and new educational and professional opportunities for women in new technologies”*
Gillian Kirkup (UK)
- “ICT and education in Africa”*
Shafika Isaacs (South Africa)
- “ICT education for women: case study of the Republic of Korea”*
Young-Joo Paik (Republic of Korea)

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Presentations by experts Panel IV: “ <i>ICT as an instrument for women’s economic empowerment</i> ” “ <i>The Economics of ICT: challenges and practical strategies of ICT use for women’s economic empowerment</i> ” Sonia Nunes Jorge (Portugal) “ <i>ICT as a tool for economic empowerment of women: experiences from the use of a CD Rom by rural women in Uganda</i> ” Rita Mijumbi (Uganda)
12:00– 1:00 p.m.	Presentation by Sergei Kambalov, UN ICT Task Force Secretariat followed by presentations by observers and discussion
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Discussion Establishment of working groups
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Parallel working groups

Wednesday. 13 November 2002

9:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Parallel working groups
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Plenary: feedback from the working groups
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Working groups to complete draft recommendations for submission to the drafting committee

Thursday 14 November 2002

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Drafting committee (finalization of the compilation of recommendations)
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Plenary: presentation and discussion of draft report and of recommendations
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Adoption of final report and recommendations
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Closing session

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Composition of panels

Experts:

Panel I: National ICT policies and gender equality

Nancy Hafkin (USA)	Gender issues in ICT policy in developing countries: an overview
Chat Ramilo (Philippines)	Regional perspective: Asia
Gloria Bonder (Argentina)	Regional perspective: Latin America

Panel II: ICT as an instrument for participation

Fatimata Seye Sylla (Senegal)	Regional perspective: Africa: examples of Internet use at the grassroots level
Malgorzata Tarasiewicz (Poland)	Using new technologies for enhancing women’s participation in EU accession and integration discussions: a case study

Panel III: ICT as an instrument for enhancing women’s capabilities

Gillian Kirkup (UK)	ICT as a tool for enhancing women’s education opportunities; and new educational and professional opportunities for women in new technologies
Shafika Isaaks (South Africa)	ICT and Education in Africa
Young-Joo Paik (Rep. of Korea)	ICT education for women: case study of the Republic of Korea

Panel IV: ICT as an instrument for women’s economic empowerment

Sonia Nunes Jorge (Portugal)	The economics of ICT: challenges and practical strategies of ICT use for women’s economic empowerment:
Rita Mijumbi (Uganda)	ICT as a tool for economic empowerment of women: experiences from the use of a CD Rom by rural women in Uganda

Consultant:

Gillian Marcelle (Trinidad and Tobago)