

United Nations
Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)
In collaboration with UNICEF
Expert Group Meeting
Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence
Against the girl child
UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre
Florence, Italy, 25-28 September 2006

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday, 25 September 2006

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| 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. | Registration of participants | ✓ |
| 9:30 – 9:35 a.m. | Welcoming remarks by Ms. Marta Santos-Pais, Director,
UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre | ✓ |
| 9:35 – 9:50 a.m. | Opening statement by Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director,
Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of
Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations | ✓ |
| 9:50 – 10:10 a.m. | Introduction to the meeting, election of officers, adoption
of the programme of work | |
| 10:10 – 10:40 a.m. | Break | |
| 10:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | <u>Session I: Introduction to the theme</u>

Presentation of the background paper
Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence
against the girl child
Prof. Savitri Goonesekere, consultant

Presentation of the report of the online discussion on
Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence
against the girl child
Mr. Christoph Schuepp, consultant

Ms. Noreen Khan and Ms. Mima Perisic (UNICEF)
<i>Voices of youth – Girls about girls</i>

Discussion | |

- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. **Lunch break**
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Session II: Protection of the girl child from discrimination and violence**
- Ms. Moushira Khattab (Egypt), Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child
Full protection of the girl child through effective legislation and enforcement [title to be confirmed]
- Ms. Shamima Ali (Fiji)
Violence against the girl child from in the Pacific Islands region
- Ms. Berhane Ras-Work (Ethiopia)
The impact of harmful traditional practices on the girl child
- Discussion
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Break**
- 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Session III: Girls in especially vulnerable situations**
- Ms. Judith Bruce (United States)
Social and Economic Development and Reproductive Health of Vulnerable Adolescent Girls
- Ms. Dyan Mazurana (United States)
The girl child and armed conflict [title to be confirmed]
- Ms. Cecilia Flores-Oebanda (Philippines)
Addressing vulnerability and exploitation of child domestic workers: An open challenge to end a hidden shame
- Discussion
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Welcome reception
hosted by UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre

Tuesday, 26 September 2006

- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome statement by Ms. Rima Salah, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. Summary of Day 1 by Rapporteur

- 9:30 – 10:50 a.m. Session III (continued)
- Ms. Busakorn Suriyasarn (Thailand)
From the kitchen to the classroom: Call for political commitment and empowerment to get girls out of child domestic labour and into school
- Ms. Teresita Silva (Philippines)
Girl children in vulnerable situations
- Discussion
- 10:50 - 11:20 a.m. **Break**
- 11:20 a.m. – 1:20 p.m. Session IV: Empowerment of the girl child
- Ms. Fatuma Chege (Kenya)
Education as a tool for the empowerment of the girl child
[title to be confirmed]
- Nicole Bidegain (Uruguay)
Girl child empowerment: A challenge for all
- Mr. Gary Barker (United States)
Engaging boys and men to empower girls: Reflections from practice and evidence of impact
- Discussion
- 1:20 – 2.50 p.m. **Lunch break**
- 2:50 – 4:10 p.m. Session IV (continued)
- Ms. Biljana Brankovic (Serbia)
“Boys’ mind, girls’ heart”: Barriers to the realization of potential in gifted girls – responding to challenges
- Ms. Shahira Fawzy (Egypt)
Socioeconomic empowerment: A route towards equality of the girl child
- Discussion
- 4:10 – 4:40 p.m. **Break**

4:40 – 6:40 p.m.

Session V: Institutional arrangements for the promotion of
elimination of discrimination against the girl child

Mr. Gareth Jones (UNICEF)
Gender statistics and existing evidence

Ms. Daniela Zapata (Bolivia)
*Counting invisible workers: Girls in domestic activities
within their homes*

Ms. Christina Nomdo (South Africa)
*Improving the quality of life for the girl child by using child
rights and gender-sensitive budgeting: Perspectives from
South Africa*

Discussion

Wednesday, 27 September 2006

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Summary of discussion by the Rapporteur
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Establishment of working groups
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Working groups
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Break
12:00 noon - 1.00 p.m.	Working groups continued
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Working groups continued
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Break
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Feedback from the working groups to plenary / Establishment of drafting group

Thursday, 28 September 2006

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Drafting of report
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Break

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Drafting of report continued / Feedback to plenary
1.00 - 2:30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Finalization of report
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Break
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Presentation of final report and recommendations by the Rapporteur
	Adoption of report
5:30 – 5:45 p.m.	Closing remarks by Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations