

Women's Rights and Gender Equality Working Group: Development So Far

Strategic Framework and Prioritised Issues

I. Conformity of National Laws and Practices with International Law

- Implementation of principles and laws from international agreements that relate to women's rights and gender equality and review of reservations and lift what can be lifted, so that equality is attained.
- Guarantee the legal protection in national legislation for women's rights, whether in the law or the application/implementation of the law and harmonizing it with international agreements and conventions and national constitutions.

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- Implementation of CEDAW, including lifting the reservation, ratification of the optional protocol and harmonization of national legislation
- Information gathering, analysis and studies on discriminatory laws and regulations and addressing gaps, whether in the law or in the application of the law in relation to the implementation of international conventions and agreements and in relation to the implementation of national legislation

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II. Affirmative Action and Gender Mainstreaming

- Gender mainstream national human rights institutions in its structure, strategies programmes, budgets and reports and building partnerships and alliances with civil society organizations
- NHRIS nationally propose affirmative actions on gender equality, a act as examples by mainstreaming gender
- Representation of women in NHRI boards of 50% within 3-5 years

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- Awareness and training programmes to those who are working in NHRIs to incorporate the concept of equality between men and women and propose practical actions for these institutions to attain the aspired level of equality

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III. Education for Gender Equality

- NHRIs work on establishing and enforcing a culture of gender equality of different levels of society, including training of judges, prosecutors, lawyers, NHRI staff, training of HR students and staff
- Development of curricular, ensuring adequate representation and imaging of men and women

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V. DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS AND ACTIONPLAN

WRGE WG Project and Plan

- The working group agreed on a project on the subject of Violence against Women.
- Objective: Fostering NHRIs in combating violence against women by strengthening the administrative justice system and procedures on combating violence against women.
- A draft logframe with identification of outcomes, objectives, outputs, activities and indicators was produced and approved by participating members.
- Timeplan: It was noted that we need to follow up continuously to secure ongoing work.

WRGE WG Project Plan...Continued

- All of the following material should be sent by working group members to the AEHRD secretariat as follows:
 - ○ Mapping study on violence against women in legislation and in practice: June 30th 2011
 - ○ Needs assessment: July 30th 2011
 - ○ Identification of target groups: August 5th 2011
 - ○ Identification of trainers: August 5th 2011
 - ○ Design/adapt training content, materials and programmes: October 30th 2011