
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

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: Recognizing and addressing grave violations of girls' human rights

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)

Teacher identities and empowerment of girls against sexual violence

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 – 5:30 p.m.

Adoption of structure of expert report proposed by the Rapporteur / Establishment of drafting committee

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Working groups continued / Group drafting of report

Thursday, 28 September 2006

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Working groups – finalize inputs / Group drafting of report

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Break

Consolidation of working group inputs into one overall report by the Rapporteur

11:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Distribution of overall report to participants
Participants provide written comments to drafting committee
Officers provide comments to each working group
Each working group integrates participants' and officers' comments and finalizes group inputs (**including lunch break**)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Rapporteur consolidates revised working group inputs into draft report

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Break

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Presentation and adoption of draft report in plenary

5:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Closing remarks by Ms. Marta Santos-Pais, Executive Director, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director