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Taking legislative action to end violence against women and girls

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 30 March, 2011

9.30-10 a.m.

OPENING SESSION

- Welcome remarks by Ms. Zénabou DRABO/OUEDRAOGO, Member of the National Assembly (Burkina Faso)
- Speech by Mr. Martin CHUNGONG, Director of the Division of the Promotion of Democracy of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Opening speech by Ms. Mariam Marie Gisèle GUIGMA/DIASSO, Second Vice-President of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso, on behalf of H.E. Roch Marc Christian KABORE, President of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso
- Message from Ms Chantal COMPAORE, Spouse of the Head of State

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10-12 noon

SESSION 1: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS: FORMS, CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND THE DIFFICULTY OF ENDING IT

Chair: Ms. Marie MUKANTABANA, Vice-President of the Senate (Rwanda), President of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

- **Overview of the types and forms of violence against women and girls in the world and in Africa and the consequences of this violence**

Panelist:

- Ms. Marie Pierre RAKY CHAUPIN, Trust Fund and ERAW Campaign Coordinator, UN Women, West Africa Regional Office

- **Causes of violence against women in the region and obstacles encountered in ending it**

Panelist:

- Ms. Epiphanie Meteteiton Houmey EKLU-KOEVANU, Jurist, Programme Officer, Think tank on women, democracy and development (GF2D), Togo

- **Types of violence against women and girls and the extent of the problem: a case study in Burkina Faso**

Panelists:

- Ms. Wendyam ZARE/KABORE, Magistrate, General Director of Legal and Juridical Affairs, Ministry of Justice (Burkina Faso)
- Mr. Achille TAPSOBA, Member of Parliament, Member of the Committee on General, Institutional and Human Rights Affairs (Burkina Faso)

Question-and-answer session and plenary debate

12 noon-12.15 p.m. **Coffee break**

12.15-1.30 p.m.	<p>SESSION 2: REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENTS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS</p> <p><i>Chair: Mr. Célestin KOUSSOUBE, President of the Committee on Employment, Social Affairs and Culture (Burkina Faso)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women (CEDAW) <u>Panellist:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Victoria POPESCU, Vice-President of the UN Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women➤ The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol) <u>Panellist:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Fatimata DJOURTÉ, Attorney-at-law, former President of the Association of Women Lawyers of Mali➤ UN Security Council resolutions 1325, 1820 1888 et 1960 on women, peace and security <u>Panellist:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Karin GRIMM, Project Coordinator "Gender and SSR" - Special Programmes, DCAF <p style="text-align: right;">Question-and-answer session and plenary debate</p>
1.30-3 p.m.	<p>Lunch</p>
3-5 p.m.	<p>SESSION 3: ELEMENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS</p> <p><i>Chair: Ms. Sophie MOULENGUI-MOULE, Member of the Senate of Gabon, Member of the IPU Executive Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ UN Secretary-General's campaign "UNiTE to End Violence against Women" <u>Panellist:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Marie Pierre RAKY CHAUPIN, Trust Fund and EAW Campaign Coordinator, UN Women, West Africa Regional Office➤ Burkina Faso's experience of sensitizing the population and putting in place services to promote enforcement of the anti-excision law <u>Panellist:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mme Korotoumou OUEDRAOGO on behalf of Mme Marie Rose SAWADOGO, Permanent Secretary of the National Committee against excision (Burkina Faso) <p style="text-align: right;">Question-and-answer session and plenary debate</p>
19.30 – 21.00	<p>Dinner hosted by Mrs. Chantal Compaore, First Lady</p>

Thursday, 31 March, 2011

09.00-10.15 a.m. **SESSION 4: TAKING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: THE COMPONENTS OF LEGISLATION**

Chair: Mr. Jacob OUEDRAOGO, Member of Parliament, President of the Committee on General, Institutional and Human Rights Affairs (Burkina Faso)

- **The various components of legislation to put an end to violence against women and girls**

Panellists:

- Ms. Rosalyn PARK, JD, Research Director, The Advocates for Human Rights
- Mr. Günther LANIER, Programme for the Juridical and Socio-economic Protection of Children and Women, UNICEF, Burkina Faso

- **The Rwandan Act on the prevention and repression of all forms of gender-based violence (2009)**

Panellist:

- Ms Athanasie GAHONDOGO, Member of the National Assembly of Rwanda, Member of the Committee on Gender and Family

Question-and-answer session and plenary debate

10.15-10.30 a.m. **Coffee break**

10.30-11.45 a.m. **SESSION 5: TAKING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS: PARLIAMENTARY STRATEGIES**

Chair: Ms. Rose-Marie LOSIER-COOL, Member of the Senate of Canada, President of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie

- **Examples of parliamentary strategy to take legislative action against this form of violence**

Panellists:

- Ms. Athanasie GAHONDOGO, Member of the National Assembly (Rwanda), Member of the Committee on Gender and Family
- Mr. Aliou AYA, Member of the National Assembly (Mali), President of the Network of Mali MPs against violence against women and children
- Mr. Bila DIPAMA, Member of the National Assembly (Burkina Faso), Member of the General, Institutional and Human Rights Affairs Committee

Question-and-answer session and plenary debate

11.45 a.m. -2 p.m. **SESSION 6 (FIRST PART): WORKING GROUPS ON LEGISLATION**

1) Violence within the family

Moderator : Ms. Victoria POPESCU, Vice-President of the UN Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Rapporteur : Mr. Momodou TOURAY, Member of the National Assembly (Gambia), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Women, Children and Refugees

- Model legislative framework
- Ms. Rosalyn PARK, JD, The Advocates for Human

2) Female genital mutilation

Moderator : Ms. Marie Pierre Raky CHAUPIN, UN Women

Rapporteur : Mr. Aliou AYA, Member of the National Assembly (Mali), President of the Network of Mali MPs against violence against women and children

- Model legislative framework
- Mr. Günther LANIER, UNICEF Burkina Faso
- Country experiences
- Drawing up a plan of action

3) Sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations

Moderator : Ms. Fatimata DJOURTÉ, Attorney-at-law, former President of the Association of Women Lawyers of Mali

Rapporteur : Ms. Jesusa OBONO ENGONO NCHAMA, First Vice-President of the Chamber of the People's Representatives (Equatorial Guinea)

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2 – 3:30 p.m.

Lunch

3:30 – 4.30 p.m.

Drafting committees of the working groups on legislation (cont'd.)

Friday, 1st April, 2011

9.30 - 10.45 a.m.

SESSION 6 (SECOND PART): REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS ON LEGISLATION

Chair: Mr. Charles NDITJE, Member of the National Assembly (Burundi)

- **Violence within the family**
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Question-and-answer session and plenary debate

10.45-11 a.m.

Coffee break

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

SESSION 7: CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO ENFORCING LEGISLATION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Chair: Ms. Nassara DJOBO OURO-BANG'NA, Second Vice-President of the National Assembly, Secretary of the IPU Group (Togo)

- **Involving men and boys and monitoring enforcement of the law**
Panellist:
 - M. Kelvin HAZANGWI, National Director of Padare/Enkundleni/Men's Forum on Gender and Member of the Zimbabwe Anti-Domestic Violence Council
- **Sensitizing on and advertising the law**
Panellists:
 - Ms. Franceline TOE/BOUDA, Lawyer, President of the Coalition for the implementation of CEDAW
 - Ms. Nestorine SANGARE/COMPAORE, Senior Programme Manager, NDI
- **Implementing and following up a national plan of action**
Panellist:
 - Dr Oumar NDOYE, Member of the National Assembly (Senegal), President of the Committee on Health, Population, Social Affairs and National Solidarity

Question-and-answer session and plenary debate

1-2.30 p.m.

Lunch

2.30-3.30 p.m.

SESSION 8: SUMMARY OF THE SEMINAR

Chair: Dr Oumar NDOYE, Member of the National Assembly (Senegal), President of the Committee on Health, Population, Social Affairs and National Solidarity

- Discussion of lessons learned from the meeting
 - Identification of follow-up action
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3.30-4 p.m.

Closing session

- Presentation of final conclusions by the General Rapporteur Mr. Bila DIPAMA, Member of the National Assembly (Burkina Faso), Member of the General, Institutional and Human Rights Affairs Committee
- Speech by Brigitte FILION, IPU
- Closing address by H.E. Mr. Roch Marc Christian KABORE, President of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso

19.30-21.00

Dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Roch Marc Christian KABORE, President of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso
