



**Civil Society Preparatory Meeting for the
Seventh Women's Affairs Ministers Meeting (7WAMM)
28 to 30 May 2004, Nadi, Fiji Islands**

(Draft) Programme

By the end of the workshop, participants should:

1. know how they will contribute to achieving the Commonwealth Plan of Action for Gender Equality 2005-2015 (PoA)
2. be prepared to articulate their suggestions and concerns about the PoA to government delegations at the WAMM

Friday 28 May

Focus: Introduction to the Civil Society Preparatory Meeting

3.00-4.00	Registration	
4.00-5.00	Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Welcome by National Council of Women Fiji o Welcoming remarks by Rudo Chitiga, Deputy Director, Commonwealth Foundation o Opening speech by Ratu Epeli Ganilau, Chair of the Great Council of Chiefs o Key objectives of the 7WAMM, by Gender Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
5.00-6.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Orientation to the 7WAMM (Gender Division, Commonwealth Secretariat) o Orientation to the Civil Society Preparatory Meeting and engagement with government delegations (Members of the Civil Society Steering Committee) 	
Evening	Meet informally in regional groups to elect Committee members	

Saturday 29 May

Focus: Themes of the Commonwealth Plan of Action for Gender Equality

9.00-9.30	Introduction to the themed working groups	
9.30-11.00	<p><i>Working Group Session 1</i></p> <p>Themed working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Gender, democracy, peace and conflict o Gender, human rights and law o Gender and economic 	<p>Each group to discuss for each theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Does the Plan of Action address key concerns of civil society? o What are the opportunities to work in partnership with governments? o What will it take to achieve this?

	empowerment ○ Gender and HIV/AIDS	
11.00-11.30	Tea & Coffee	
11.30-1.00	<i>Plenary 1</i>	○ Groups report back to the civil society meeting ○ Discussion
1.00-2.00	Lunch	
2.00 – 3.30	<i>Working Group Session 2</i> Key Messages to Ministers (themed working groups)	○ Key messages for Ministers on technical and implementation issues
3.30 – 4.00	Tea and Coffee	
4.00 – 5.00	<i>Plenary 2</i>	○ Feedback from working groups ○ Discussion
8.00 Bula Night		

Sunday 30 May

Focus: Civil Society and implementation of the Plan of Action

Morning	Statement Writing Group to meet	
2.00-2.30pm	○ Introduction to Regional Working Groups ○ Presentation on Maximising civil society's contribution to democracy and development	
2.30-3.30	<i>Working Group Session 3</i> (Regional working groups)	○ Identify opportunities/strategies at country, regional and Commonwealth levels ○ Examples of good practice
3.30-4.30	Plenary 3	○ Groups to report back to civil society meeting ○ Discussion
4.30-5.00	Tea and Coffee	
5.00-6.00	Linkage Caucus: Feedback from the Senior Officials Meeting and other workshops at the Partners' Forum	