



Commonwealth Ministers Responsible for Women's Affairs

Seventh Meeting, Nadi, Fiji Islands, 30 May-2 June 2004

WAMM(04)2(Rev.1)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Theme of 7WAMM ***Partnerships for Gender Equality***

Objectives of 7WAMM

- *To review progress in implementing the 1995 PoA and its 2000 Update, and to negotiate and adopt the new Commonwealth Plan of Action for Gender Equality 2005-2015.*
- *To provide Ministers, Senior Officials and partners with an opportunity to network, share experiences on critical challenges identified in the PoA, and to discuss new and emerging issues.*
- *To strengthen partnerships for PoA implementation among Commonwealth governments, inter-governmental organisations (IGOs) and civil society organisations (CSOs), as well as international and regional agencies.*

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Date	Time	Annotated Agenda Items	Documents	Venue
Friday, 28 May	0900-1700	7WAMM Registration		Sheraton Fiji Resort
	1600	Civil Society Partners' Forum commences¹		Royal Denarau Resort
Sunday, 30 May	0900-1000	7WAMM Registration continues		Sheraton Fiji Resort
	1000-1630	SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM)	WAMM(04)(O)1(Rev.1) WAMM(04)(O)2 WAMM(04)(O)3 WAMM(04)2(Rev.1) WAMM(04)(PoA)1	Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort
Monday, 31 May	0800-1030	OPENING CEREMONY <i>Note: all delegates, including partner agencies and Partners' Forum participants are invited to attend the 7WAMM Opening Ceremony</i> Heads of Delegation Group Photograph <i>To follow immediately after the Opening Ceremony</i>		Denarau Golf & Racquet Club Main Entrance, Sheraton Fiji Resort
		1030-1100	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	
	1100-1230	SESSION I: OPENING PLENARY Election of Chair As is customary the Secretary-General will invite the Minister representing the host government to chair the Meeting		Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort

¹ Please see Appendix 1 for the schedule of events/activities in the Partners' Forum

		<p>SOM Presentation</p> <p>Recommendations by a Representative of SOM on progress made in the implementation of the 1995 PoA and its 2000 Update, and on the Critical Areas of the 2005-2015 PoA</p> <p>Adoption of Agenda</p> <p>The Chair will propose the adoption of the Agenda</p> <p>Feature Presentation (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting the Context - the Need for the Empowerment of Women: Screening of British Council film titled 'My Sister, My Self' <p>Plenary Discussion</p> <p>Ministers may wish to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share country experiences and lessons learned; and Respond to recommendations made by SOM on the progress made by Commonwealth governments and the Secretariat in implementing the 1995 PoA and its 2000 Update 	<p>WAMM(02)(O)4 and WAMM(04)(PoA)1 (Rev. 1) <i>(Both documents issued following SOM)</i></p>	
	1230-1400	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
	1400-1600	<p>SESSION II: PLENARY ON CRITICAL CHALLENGES FACING THE COMMONWEALTH (PoA Themes)</p> <p>Feature Presentations</p> <p>This session will feature the following 10-minute presentations:</p> <p>Gender, Democracy, Peace and Conflict</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender, Democracy, Peace and Conflict: An African Perspective by Hon Dr Kadi Sesay, Minister of Trade and Industry, Sierra Leone 	<p>WAMM(04)5</p>	<p>Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender, Democracy, Peace and Conflict: A Pacific Perspective by Amelia Kinahoi Siamomua, Pacific Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM <p>Gender, Poverty Reduction and the MDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender, Poverty Reduction and the MDGs in Commonwealth Context by Dr Gita Sen, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, India. Background paper: UN Millennium Project Task Force on Education and Gender Equality Interim Report: From Promises to Action <p>Plenary Discussion</p> <p>Ministers may wish to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share country experiences and lessons learned; and Agree the PoA text or suggest modifications (if any) on the Critical Areas for Commonwealth Action related to Gender, Democracy, Peace and Conflict; and Gender and Economic Empowerment 	<p>WAMM(04)6</p> <p>WAMM(04)7</p> <p>WAMM(04)(PoA)1 (Rev. 1)</p>	
	1600-1630	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>		
	1630-1800	<p>SESSION III: SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS FOR MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS</p> <p>This session will break into two simultaneous sessions for Ministers and Senior Officials</p> <p>Ministers' In-camera Session</p> <p>Ministers will meet in closed session to discuss issues and challenges they face as Women's Affairs Ministers, lessons learned, and the need for building and strengthening partnerships to implement the new PoA</p> <p>Meeting of Senior Officials Drafting Committee on the 2005-2015 PoA</p> <p>Members of the Drafting Committee identified at the Senior Officials Meeting will meet to continue the negotiation of the 2005-2015 PoA, if required</p>	<p>WAMM(04)(PoA)1 (Rev.1)</p>	<p>Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort</p> <p>(tbc)</p>
	1900-2100	COCKTAILS & DINNER hosted by the Hon Adi Asenaca Caucau, Minister for Women, Social Welfare and Poverty Alleviation, Fiji Islands (by invitation only)		(tbc)

Tuesday, 1 June	0800-1000	<p>SESSION IV: PLENARY ON CRITICAL CHALLENGES FACING THE COMMONWEALTH (PoA Themes cont'd)</p> <p>This session will feature the following 10-minute presentations:</p> <p>Gender and HIV/AIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving Beyond Complacency to Reclaiming our Future: Lessons from Africa for the Commonwealth by Hon Sr Bakoko Bakoru Zoe, Minister for Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda <p>Gender, Human Rights and Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Directions for the Commonwealth on Gender, Human Rights and Law by Ms Indira Jaisingh, Director of Women's Rights Initiative, Lawyers Collective Organisation, India <p>Gender and Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender and the Multilateral Trading System: Opportunities and Challenges by Ms. Mariama Williams, international expert <p>Plenary Discussion</p> <p>Ministers may wish to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share country experiences and lessons learned; and Agree the PoA text or suggest modifications (if any) on the Critical Areas for Commonwealth Action related to Gender and HIV/AIDS; Gender, Human Rights and Law; and Gender and Economic Empowerment. 	<p>WAMM(04)10</p> <p>WAMM(04)8</p> <p>WAMM(04)9</p> <p>WAMM(04)(PoA)1(Rev. 1)</p>	Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort
	1000-1030	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>		
	1030-1300	<p>SESSION V: SIMULTANEOUS THEMATIC DISCUSSION GROUPS ON CRITICAL CHALLENGES FACING THE COMMONWEALTH</p> <p>This session will break into five (5) simultaneous Thematic Discussion Groups focused on key issues raised in the PoA:</p>		

		<p>1. Gender, Democracy, Peace and Conflict</p> <p>2. Gender, Human Rights and Law</p> <p>3. Gender, Poverty Reduction and MDGs</p> <p>4. Gender and HIV/AIDS</p> <p>5. The Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality</p> <p>Each Thematic Group will be facilitated by experts, and will include a dialogue on the theme between Ministers, senior officials, CSOs and representatives of international/regional/bilateral agencies.</p> <p>The Thematic Group on The Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality will include a panel of speakers who will offer regional perspectives on the issue from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and the Pacific</p> <p>Each Thematic Group is expected to prepare no more than one (1) page of recommendations of the PoA, to be presented to Session VII (the Plenary Reports Back Session and the Senior Officials Drafting Committee Meeting)</p>	<p>WAMM(04)5 WAMM(04)6</p> <p>WAMM(04)8</p> <p>WAMM(04)7</p> <p>WAMM(04)10</p> <p>WAMM(04)11</p>	<p>(tbc)</p> <p>(tbc)</p> <p>(tbc)</p> <p>(tbc)</p> <p>(tbc)</p>
	1300-1430	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
	1430-1600	<p>SESSION VI: PLENARY GOVERNMENT-CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE ON THE 2005-2015 POA</p> <p>The session seeks to build and strengthen government-civil society partnerships for enhanced implementation of the 2005-2015 PoA. It will focus on a dialogue between Ministers, senior officials, CSOs and representatives of international/regional/bilateral agencies</p>	WAMM(04)(PoA)1 (Rev. 1)	Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort
	1600-1630	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>		
	1630-1800	<p>SESSION VII: SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS</p> <p>This session will break into two simultaneous sessions:</p>		

		<p>Plenary Reports Back from the Five Thematic Discussion Groups</p> <p>This session will receive (5-minute) reports of key recommendations from each Thematic Discussion Group, followed by a plenary discussion</p> <p>Meeting of Senior Officials Drafting Committee to continue its work on the 2005-2015 PoA (if required) and to draft the 7WAMM Communiqué and Message to CHOGM</p> <p>Members of the Senior Officials Drafting Committee will meet to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive 1-page reports from the five Thematic Discussions Groups; • Integrate any new priorities from the Thematic Discussion Groups into the 2005-2015 PoA; and • Prepare the Draft 7WAMM Communiqué and Message to CHOGM 		<p>Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort</p> <p>(tbc)</p> <p>Croquet Lawns Sheraton Fiji Resort</p> <p>Royal Denarau Resort</p>
	1830-2000	<p>RECEPTION hosted by the Commonwealth Secretary-General (by invitation only)</p>		
	2000	<p>PARTNERS' FORUM EVENING EVENT hosted by Pacific CSOs and the Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Women (PACFAW)</p> <p>The Feminisation of Poverty – Rays of Hope</p>		
Wednesday, 2 June	0830-1030	<p>SESSION VIII: PLENARY TO FINALISE THE 2005-2015 POA</p> <p>Ministers will approve and adopt the final text of the Commonwealth Plan of Action for Gender Equality 2005-2015</p> <p>Remarks on the 2005 Beijing+10 Global Review and the Commonwealth 2005-2015 PoA, by Ms Carolyn Hannan, Director, United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women</p>	WAMM(04)(PoA)1(Rev.2) (Draft circulated following Session VII)	Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort
	1030-1100	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>		

	1100-1300	SESSION IX: PLENARY ON THE 7WAMM COMMUNIQUE AND MESSAGE TO CHOGM Ministers will finalise and adopt the draft 7WAMM Communiqué and Message to CHOGM		Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort
	1300-1430	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
	1430-1630	SESSION X: ANY OTHER BUSINESS Ministers will discuss the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to amend the title of future Women's Affairs Ministers Meetings; • Date/Venue of the next meeting Upon the conclusion of the discussions, the closure of the meeting will be declared by the Chairperson		Golden Ballroom, Sheraton Fiji Resort
	(tbc)	Press Conference		(tbc)
Thursday, 3 June		Day Field Trip to meet Fijian Communities		

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APPENDIX 1

SEVENTH COMMONWEALTH WOMEN'S AFFAIRS MINISTERS MEETING

PARTNERS' FORUM

28 MAY - 3 JUNE, 2004

The Commonwealth Partners' Forum for the WAMM will take place on the same site as the WAMM. Ministers and officials are invited to attend the events which are being co-ordinated by the Commonwealth Foundation, with the help of the National Council of Women Fiji. The Forum will bring together representatives of over 100 CSOs from around the Commonwealth, as well as magistrates and judges, parliamentarians, business women and donors interested in working on various aspects of the proposed Commonwealth Plan of Action for Gender Equality.

The schedule of events is attached, along with the contact details of those responsible for the meetings. It is hoped that ministers and officials will be able to organise their travel to be able to participate in some of those events that take place before the WAMM begin. Some events will take place during the WAMM.

Many participants from the Partners' Forum will also be participating in the working sessions of the WAMM and in the civil society dialogue, where it is expected that their experiences and the results of their meetings will enrich the discussions and form the basis for future partnerships and collaboration.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Commonwealth Civil Society Meeting

28 to 30 May, Sheraton Royal Denarau Resort

The Civil Society Meeting is the culmination of a year-long consultation of CSOs in the Commonwealth to discuss the Commonwealth Plan Of Action for Gender Equality. Civil society representatives from around the Commonwealth working on gender and women's issues will focus on the four themes outlined in the Plan of Action: democracy, peace and good governance; gender and human rights; gender and HIV/AIDS; and women's economic empowerment. In particular, participants will identify ways to strengthen partnerships between governments, civil society organisations and donors in the implementation of gender policy. at the Civil Society Meeting, and later at the WAMM, participants will have the opportunity to:

- ? exchange experiences with other civil society organisations working on gender issues in the commonwealth;
- ? engage directly with commonwealth ministers for women's affairs and with senior officials;
- ? have input to the commonwealth plan of action for gender equality 2005 – 2015 and plans for its implementation.

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**Commonwealth Magistrates & Judges Association
and Commonwealth Lawyers' Association
Workshop on Gender and Human Rights
28 to 29 May, Tanoa Hotel, Nadi, Fiji Islands**

The Workshop will cover the role of lawyers and judges in the promotion of human rights in particular gender based violence, HIV/AIDS, the protection of girl-children, the particular problems faced by indigenous people and the cultural and socio-economic issues of gender and human rights.

The objective is to consider a Draft Gender and Human Rights Toolkit and consider recommendations emanating from the Workshop for inclusion in this Toolkit which in turn will be used by paralegals, lawyers, and judicial officers. By formulating this Commonwealth Gender Toolkit, this will provide all judicial and legal officers in the Commonwealth with the knowledge they need to effectively combat this problem.

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**Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Workshop
Women, Development and Democracy
27 to 30 May, Parliament Buildings, Suva**

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- ? Exchange experiences and good practices of women's participation in processes of democratic decision-making
- ? Increase understanding of gender, democracy and development within the Commonwealth framework
- ? Define and analyse critical issues related to gender, democracy and development and propose concrete proposals for improvement
- ? Submit recommendations and proposals to Ministers attending the 7WAMM and provide parliamentary input into the development of the Plan of Action 2005-2015

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Commonwealth Business Women's Network Workshop
The Role of Women Entrepreneurs in Poverty Alleviation and Empowerment: Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships
29 May, Sheraton Royal Denarau Resort, Nadi

The purpose of the meeting is to create synergies between the work being done by women in decision-making and civil society; to provide a platform for discussion and debate by stakeholders on importance of public / private sector partnerships towards meeting the MDGs; and to provide a platform for networking and creating linkages and sharing best practice amongst women entrepreneurs.

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UNIFEM Pacific
Donors' Meeting
Monday 31 May, Sheraton Royal Denarau Resort, Nadi

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