

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

1975-2015 How far off is gender equality?

Tuesday, 16 December 2014

From 9.00 to 13.00 and 14.30 to 17.30

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development

Ministerial Conference Centre

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Gender in Action Network are organizing an international symposium on gender equality and sustainable development.

1975 marked the beginning of the United Nations Decade for Women. In 1979, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) defined a strong international framework for women's rights. In 1995, the Beijing Platform for Action of the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women identified 12 critical areas of concern, and advocated transforming organizations and institutional mechanisms, as well as the use of a twin-track approach to gender equality and women's empowerment: mainstreaming and the specific projects approach.

40 years later, where have we got to? What are the achievements, the setbacks? On the eve of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), what are the prospects for gender equality? To what extent can these global SDGs build on the lessons learned over the past 40 years, revive and go beyond the commitments governments have made to gender equality, and ensure real citizenship for women and gender justice for all.

Objectives of the Symposium

- Take stock of gender equality policies from 1975 to 2015;
- Identify key gender equality issues to be included in the post-2015 agenda;
- Underline the importance of implementing women's participation as citizens in the development process, and the role of action research in the empowerment process;
- Highlight best practices for gender mainstreaming and/or specific gender policies and programmes, at different levels;
- Strengthen the links between research and policy in the field of international solidarity and development;
- Bring together stakeholders from across Francophone and non-Francophone countries;
- Contribute to the implementation of the "Strategy on Gender and Development" of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development.

The Symposium will bring together people and organizations from different development areas: institutions, researchers, activist associations, practitioners and policy-makers, from Northern and Southern countries.

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PROGRAMME

Registration open at 8 am // Musical reception: **Tahra Hembara**, Mauritanian musician
Moderation: **Roxane Grioche**, independent journalist-SASKA PRODUCTION

Morning discussions

9.00-9.30 // Opening session*

Word of welcome: **Gautier Mignot**, Globalization, development and partnerships Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France

Lakshmi Puri, United Nations Assistant Secretary General and UN Women Executive Deputy Director

Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Prize 2011, Yemen

Annick Girardin, Development and Francophonie Secretary of State for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France

9.30-10.30 // Critical areas for gender equality*

Rapporteur: **Elisabeth Hofmann**, Lecturer at Bordeaux Montaigne University, France

Danielle Bousquet, High Committee for Gender Equality, France

Christine Mauget, Family planning national office and international commission, France

Bogalech Gebre, Cofounder of KMG Ethiopia, Ethiopia

10h30-11h00 // Coffee-break

11.00-12.00 // 1975 to 2015: Leaps, bounces and let downs of gender equality*

Rapporteur: **Fatma Elkory Oumrane**, President of the NGO NTIC and civic rights-Maurifemme, Mauritania

Ngone Diop, Head Expert on Gender Equality at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Mohammad Naciri, Regional Deputy Director of UN Women regional office for Arab States

Patti O'Neil, Deputy Head Policy Coordination Development Co-operation Directorate OECD

Sasha Gabizon, WECF International Director, member of the Women Major Group

12h00-13h00 // Overviews on gender equality policies*

Rapporteur: **Annie Matundu**, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Democratic Republic of Congo Group, DRC

Introduction: **Claudy Vouhé**, President of Genre en Action

Lakshmi Puri, United Nations Assistant Secretary General and UN Women Executive Deputy Director

Patriziana Sparacino-Thiellay, Ambassador for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France

Nicole Ameline, President of the CEDAW Committee, United Nations, France

Catherine Coutelle, National Assembly Delegation for Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, France

Stephanie Seydoux, Head of the Women's Rights and equality Service, Ministry of Social Affairs, Health and Women's Rights, France

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Afternoon sessions

14.30-16.00 // Good practices for gender equality

Workshop 1: Financing gender equality

Moderation: **Claudy Vouhé**, President of Genre en Action, France and **Marlène Menoux**, Coordinator of Genre en Action, France

Saskia Ravesloot, Gender expert at the Belgium Development Agency, CTB/BTC, Belgium – Gender budgeting in development programs »

Megane Ghorbani, Coordinator of Information on Women's Rights at Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), Tunisia – « New Actors, new money, new conversations: A mapping of recent initiatives for women and girls »

Aïcha Barkaoui, Lecturer at the University of Casablanca, Morocco – « Is Gender budgeting in Morocco a reality or a mere illusion ? »

Jeannine Raelimiadana, Founding member of Simiralenta, Madagascar – « Gender Integration in the National Strategy for Development Relaunch: a working group experience in Madagascar »

Lucie Faucherre, Junior Policy Analyst, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, Partnerships and Global Politics Division, OECD, France – « Financing of gender equality and women's rights: tendencies and priorities for post-2015 agenda ? »

Workshop 2: Women's economic empowerment

Moderation: **Binouri Brice Monnou**, FECODEV Director, France and **Sarah Mantah**, Genre en Action, France

Isabelle Guérin, Research Supervisor at IRD-Cessma, France – « Is Women's Empowerment to be achieved through market or solidarity ? »

Fatou Sarr, Researcher at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar and Director of the Gender and Scientific research Laboratory, Senegal – « Women entrepreneurship in Senegal facing the Senegalese challenges and development perspectives »

Marie-Dominique de Suremain, Gender expert for Enda/Maturescence, France – « Decent working conditions, care and empowerment »

Nadine Anilus, General Coordinator and Founder of Rezo Fanm Kapab Dayiti, Haiti – « Gender violence, a restriction for economic development »

Workshop 3: Gender, sustainable development and climate change

Moderation: **Monique Perrot-Lanaud**, journalist, France and **Annie Matundu Mbambi**, WILPF/DRC-Group, DRC

Yveline Nicolas, Coordinator of Adéquations association, France – « Gender, sustainable development and climate change »

Barbara Lipietz, Lecturer at the Development Planning Unit, UK – « Human habitat, climate and gender »

Mama Koité Dombia, President of MUSONET Network, Mali – « Women's participation and gender integration in international negotiations »

Solange Goma, Présidente of the Foundation for African Women – « Local practices for natural resources management and organization »

CARE France, Nomade University, WECF, Practices et perspectives

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Workshop 4: Capacity building and citizenship

Moderation: **Khady Sakho Niang**, President of FORIM and **Elisabeth Hofmann**, Lecturer at Bordeaux Montaigne University, France

Yvette Onibon Doubogan, Lecturer at Parakou University, Benin – « Observation for change »
Fatma Elkory Oumrane, President of the NGO NTIC and Civic Rights – Maurifemme, Mauritania – « Maurifemme or the internet with the mauritanian feminine spectacles »
Yamina Rahou, Sociologist, Researcher at the National Center for Research in Social and Cultural Anthropology (CRASC), Oran, Algeria
Jocelyne Gendrin-Guinebault, General Delegate for ASTER-International, France – « Capacity building for a territorial feminism »

16.15-16.45 // Perspectives of post-2015 gender equality*

Stephanie Seydoux, Head of the Women's Rights and equality Service, Ministry of Social Affairs, Health and Women's Rights, France

Jules Falquet, Lecturer in sociology, Paris Diderot University, France

16.45-17.15 // Closing session*

Claudy Vouhé, President of Genre en Action

Ouafae Sananès, Gender and development advisor, Globalization, development and partnerships Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France

17.15-17.30 // Marie-Lise Semblat Award on territorial feminism*

by **Jocelyne Gendrin-Guinebault**, General Delegate for ASTER-International, France to **Oumy Seck**, President of the association Centre d'Ecoute et d'Encadrement pour un Développement Durable (CEEDD) for the « Capacity building of women in familial agriculture in urban areas in Senegal » project.

17.30 // Cocktail

**Interpretation: French-English-Spanish during plenary sessions*



French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI)

Within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, the Directorate-General of Global Affairs, Development and Partnerships (DGM) is especially responsible for promoting gender equality in accordance with France's international commitments. Therefore, together with its network of diplomats and gender correspondents, and its operators and partners, the

DGM is seeking to promote actions to support women's political, economic and social empowerment, to draw up gender mainstreaming strategies and to ensure international mobilization to support women's involvement in peace and security processes.

The Directorate-General of Global Affairs, Development and Partnerships (DGM) helps shape policy on gender equality and implements regional and international actions, conventions and programmes. The DGM conducts negotiations under the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Programme of Action of the 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the Beijing Platform for Action of the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.

The DGM has forged a certain number of strategic partnerships with international organizations such as UN Women and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and with international solidarity organizations working to defend human rights or combating violence against women and girls. It also supports research bodies and gender equality observatories, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and the Mediterranean.

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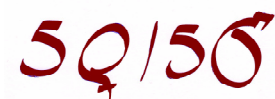
Established in 2003, Genre en Action is a Francophone international network working towards a better understanding and an effective integration of the gender approach in development. The aim is to strengthen gender knowledge and stakeholder skills by providing governmental and non-governmental

organizations with a forum for exchange and debate, and with documentary resources to support advocacy of gender equality. Genre en Action also mobilizes a Francophone community in order to significantly increase the participation of Francophones in national and international processes relating to issues of gender and development.

Currently, Genre en Action is working on the following projects: developing a Community of Practice on Gender and Development targeting all its 4,000 members and subscribers, and the establishment of a network of observatories for gender equality (ROEG) and a digital library on gender and development (Observ'action.org). Action research and capacity-building in the field of gender violence in schools and the impact of macroeconomic policies on gender equality are two other lines of work favoured by the network.

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