

**Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women  
(Beijing +15)**

**The Mid-Decade Review of the implementation of the Dakar and  
Beijing Platforms for Action**

**16-20 November 2009  
Banjul, the Gambia**

*Draft Annotated Programme of Work for the Expert Session*

**Sunday, 15 November 2009**

**16:00 – 17:00**

Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Eighth Africa  
Regional Conference on Women. The Committee will meet to  
review the modalities for:

- Organizing the Eighth Regional Conference
- Election of the Bureau.

**17:00 – 18:00**

Meeting with Facilitators, Rapporteurs and Panelists for the  
Breakout Group Sessions during the expert meeting

*Each Breakout Group will have a Facilitator and a  
Rapporteur.*



Monday, 16 November 2009

- 08:00 – 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 09:30 Meeting of the Heads of Delegations of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD) for consultations to elect the CWD bureau (also the Bureau of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15).
- 09:30 – 10:15 Opening of the CWD and the Expert session of the 8<sup>th</sup> Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15)  
    > *Welcome Statement by Ms Lalla Ben Barka , ECA Deputy Executive Secretary*  
    > *Remarks by the African Union Commission (AUC)*  
    > *Opening Statement by the Representative of The Government of The Gambia*
- 10:15 - 10:30 Presentation of the new structure of the CWD  
*The CWD session will focus on the restructured CWD. National gender experts will have an opportunity to discuss the proceedings of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15).*
- 10:30 – 10:40 Announcement of the results of Election of the Bureau
- 10:40 – 10:45 Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD)
- 10:45 – 11:00 Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work  
*The Agenda and Work Programme of the Expert Session of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15) will be presented, discussed and adopted*
- 11:00 – 11:15 Tea Break
- 11:15- 11:30 Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Section's Progress Report of the 2008-2009 Biennium.  
*The Director of the African Center for Gender and Social Development Division (ACGSD) will present the Progress Report.*
- 11:30 – 12:00 Discussion
- 12: 00 – 12:15 Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Programme of Work of the 2010-2011 Biennium.



*The Director of the African Center for Gender and Social Development Division (ACGSD) will present the Programme of Work*

12:15 – 13:00

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:15

Presentation on the Beijing+ 15 process  
*The session will share the review process undertaken by ECA*

14:15 – 14:45

Presentation of the synthesis report of Beijing +15  
*ECA will present the Beijing +15 Regional Report which is based on findings from responses to the Beijing +15 questionnaire.*

14:45 – 15:30

Discussion

15:30 – 15:45

Tea break

15:45 – 16:00

Presentation by a representative of Civil Society  
*Civil society will make a presentation.*

16:00 – 16:30

Discussion

16:30 – 16:45

Presentation of modalities for group discussions.  
*ECA will present modalities to guide the group discussions.*

16:45 – 19:00

Start of Group Sessions  
*Groups will discuss acceleration of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.*

Tuesday, 17 November 2009

08:30 – 10:00

Group Sessions continue

10:00 – 10:30

Tea Break

10:30 – 13:00

Report back from groups



*Group Rapporteurs will present reports to plenary for discussion and amendments as needed.*

13:00 – 14:00

**Lunch Break**

14:00 – 15:00

**Adoption of key issues**

*The plenary will adopt the composite recommendations emanating from the group discussion which will form the report to be presented to the Ministers highlighting acceleration of the Beijing Platform for Action*

15:00 – 15:15

**Presentation of the Programme of the Ministerial Session of the 8<sup>th</sup> Africa Regional Conference on Women for the Decade  
Review of the Implementation of the Dakar and Beijing Platforms for Action**

*ECA will present the Agenda and the Work Programme of the Ministerial Session*

15:15-15:30

**General Discussion**

15:30 – 15:45

**Presentation on African Wide Campaign on Violence Against Women (VAW)**

*UNIFEM will present the over all goal, objectives and Planned activities of the Campaign*  
**Discussion on the Campaign.**

15:45- 16:00

16:00 - 16:30

**Tea break**

16:30 – 19:00

**Side events**

**Wednesday, 18 November 2009**

16:30 – 18:00

**Adoption of the Beijing +15 expert Report**  
*The Rapporteur will present the report for adoption*

18:00 – 18:30

**Adoption of the Draft Ministerial Statement**  
*The Rapporteur will present the statement for adoption*

18:30 – 19:00

**Closing Session**

*The following persons will make closing remarks:*

- Ms Lalla Ben Barka , ECA Deputy Executive Secretary
- Chair of the Bureau of Experts
- Representative of The Government of The Gambia



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**Thursday, 19 November 2009**

**09:00 – 10:00**

Opening of the Ministerial session of the 8<sup>th</sup> Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15)

- *Statement by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa*
- *Statement by The African Union Commission*
- *Statement by Ms. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator*
- *Statement by Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General on Gender Issues*
- *Official Opening Statement by H.E. Isatou Ndie-Saidy, Vice President of The Gambia*

**10:00 – 10:30**

Tea break

**10:30 – 10:35**

Announcement of the Election of results of the Conference Bureau

*Announcement of the Election of the Bureau of the Eighth Africa Regional Conference on Women (Beijing +15)*

**10:35 – 10:45**

Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work.

*Presentation, discussion and adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme of the Ministerial Conference*

**10:45 – 11:15**

Presentation of the Beijing +15 Expert report  
*The Rapporteur will present Consideration of the main conclusions of the Beijing +15 regional review report of the experts' meeting to the Ministers*



11:15 – 13:00

Discussion

*Ministers will review the Beijing +15 expert report*

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:30

Discussion (continues)

*Ministers will review the report*

15:30 – 16:00

Tea break

16:00 – 17:00

Discussion on Africa's Contribution to the Beijing plus 15 Global Process

*Ministers will discuss the African contribution to the global process.*

19:00 – 22:00

Reception hosted by the Government of The Gambia.

Friday, 20 November 2009

09:30 – 11:30

Launch of the African Women's Report (AWR)

*The ECA will present the African Women's Report*

11:30 – 12:00

Tea Break

15:30 – 17:15

Adoption of the final reports

*The Rapporteur will present the 8<sup>th</sup> Africa review report in 3 components:*

- i) *The Africa Beijing +15 Review report (meeting proceedings)*
- ii) *Africa's contribution to the Global report*
- iii) *Ministerial Statement*

17:15 – 17:45

Closing session

*The following will make brief closing remarks*

- i) *Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa*
- ii) *The African Union Commission (AUC)*
- iii) *CWD Chairperson*
- iv) *H.E. Isatou Njie-Saidy, Vice President of The Gambia*