Expert Meeting on the Panel of the Wise Report on Mitigating Vulnerabilities of Women and Children in Armed Conflicts
Dakar, Senegal, 24-25 October 2011

Hosted by the PanAfrican Centre for Gender, Peace and Development

AGENDA

Monday 24 October

8:45 – 9:00       Arrival and Registration
9:00 – 10:00     Opening Session

Welcome Message: Ms Bineta Diop, Executive Director, Femmes Africa Solidarité

Statement: Mr Innocent Balemba Zahinda, Team Leader, Team of Experts: Rule of Law/Sexual Violence in Conflict, United Nations

Statement: Ms Litha Musyimi-Ogana, Director, Women, Gender and Development Directorate, African Union Commission

Statement: Dr Mary Chinery-Hesse, Member, Panel of the Wise of the African Union

Keynote Address: H. E. Mrs Awa Ndiaye State Minister, Minister for Culture, Gender and Livelihood, Senegal

10:00 – 10:30   Group Photo and Coffee/Tea Break
10:30 – 10:55   Introductions of Participants and Agenda

Facilitator: Ms Ecoma Alaga, African Security Sector Network (ASSN)

10:55 – 11:55   Session 1: Efforts to Mitigate the Impact of Armed Conflicts on Women and Children

During this Session, the consultants will give the background and an overview highlighting the key issues and recommendations of this report

Presenter: Dr Helen Scanlon, Senior Lecturer, African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town

Presenter: Mr Gerard Nduwayo, Independent Expert

Brief Questions/Remarks
11:55 – 12:40  
**Session 2: The African Union’s Gender Legal and Political Frameworks**

*During this session the consultant will present the AU’s Gender Architecture, highlighting the infrastructure, gaps and challenges.*

**Presenter:** Mr Gerard Nduwayo

**Discussant:** Ms Litha Musyimi-Ogana, Director, Women, Gender and Development Directorate, African Union Commission

**Discussions**

12:40 – 13:25  
**Session 3: International Gender Legal and Political Frameworks**

*This session will highlight International Gender Justice and will cover UNSCR 1325, ICC and traditional justice mechanisms and challenges.*

**Presenter:** Dr Helen Scanlon

**Discussant:** Ms Oury Traore, Independent Gender Expert

**Discussions**

13:25 – 14:55  
**Lunch**

14:55 – 15:25  
**Session 4: Regional Economic Communities (RECs) Gender Mechanisms**

*This session will review Regional Economic Community (RECs) Gender Architecture.*

**Presenter:** Mr Gerard Nduwayo

**Discussant:** Ms Hussainatu Abdullah, Independent Researcher/Consultant

**Discussions**

15:25 – 16:25  
**Session 5: Domestic Gender Developments**

*This session will cover Gender Justice at the National Level and, highlighting country specific experiences from Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, DRC, Sierra Leone and Liberia.*

**Presenter:** Dr Helen Scanlon

**Presenter:** Mr Gerard Nduwayo

**Discussant:** Ms Jessica Nkuuhe, Deputy Director, Femmes Africa Solidarité

**Discussions**

16:25 – 16:40  
**Coffee/Tea Break**

16:40 – 17:25  
**Session 6: The African Union’s Children Legal and Political Frameworks**

*During this session the consultant will present the AU’s Children’s Architecture, highlighting the infrastructure, gaps and challenges.*
Presenter: Mr Gerard Nduwayo

Discussant: Dr Nana Pratt, MARWOPNET Sierra Leone

Discussions

19:00
Depart for Cocktail

19:30 – 21:30  
*Cocktail Dinner*

*End of Day one*

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**Tuesday 25 October**

**Session 7: International Children Legal and Political Frameworks and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) Children Mechanisms**

>This session will review International Children mechanisms gaps and challenges as well as Children Initiatives at the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) level.

**Presenter:** Dr Helen Scanlon

**Discussant:** Ms Cecile Marchand, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Regional Office for West Africa

**Discussions**

**Session 8: Domestic Children Developments**

>This session will review children rights at the national level and will highlight country specific experiences from Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, DRC, Sierra Leone and Liberia.

**Presenter:** Dr Helen Scanlon

**Discussant:** Ms Odile Ndoumbe Faye Association of African Women for Research and Development (AAWORD)

**Discussions**

**Session 9: Working Groups**

**Working Group 1:**

>This Group will identify the gaps in the AU Gender Legal and Political frameworks. The group will make contributions and recommendations for inclusion in these sections of the report.

**Working Group 2:**

>This Group will identify the gaps in the Gender Regional Mechanisms and Domestic Developments. The group will make contributions and recommendations for inclusion in these sections of the report.

**Working Group 3:**
This Group will identify the gaps in the AU Children Legal and Political frameworks. The group will make contributions and recommendations for inclusion in these sections of the report.

Working Group 4:

This Group will identify the gaps in the Children Regional Mechanisms and Domestic Developments. The group will make contributions and recommendations for inclusion in these sections of the report.

Working Group 5:

This Group will develop a draft action plan based on the draft recommendations, which will be reviewed in plenary and improved by the authors of the report following the workshop.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Session 10: Reporting back from Group work (Plenary)

Group 1
Discussions
Group 2
Discussions
Group 3
Discussions
Group 4
Discussions
Group 5
Discussions

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee/Tea Break

17:00 – 18:00 Session 11: Concluding Remarks and the Way Forward (Plenary)

Presentation of Conclusions and Recommendations: Ms Mireille Affa’a-Mindzie Senior Policy Analyst, IPI

19:30 Depart for dinner

20:00 Closing Dinner