



THE SECOND ARAB MEETING FOR
FOLLOW-UP TO BEIJING CONFERENCE

Beirut, 12-15 December 1998



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PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Saturday, 12 December 1998

9 - 10 a.m.

Registration and distribution of documents.

10 - 10.30 a.m.

Item 1

Opening session.

- Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Regional Programme Advisor, UNIFEM
- Daou Ali Sweidan, Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and Director of the Department of Social and Cultural Affairs
- Dr. Hazem El-Beblawi, Executive Secretary, ESCWA
- Dr. Mona Hraoui, Director of National Commission for Lebanese Women

10.30 - 11 a.m.

Break.

Closed session for heads of delegations to discuss organizational matters.

11 - 11.30 a.m.

Item 2

Election of officers.

Item 3

Proposed organization of work.

(Akil Akil, Chief, Social Development Issues and Policies Division).

Theme one:

Reporting requirements for Beijing + Five.

11.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m.

Item 4 (a)

Framework for national reports with indicators to monitor implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (Fatima Sbaity Kassem, ESCWA).

Preliminary national reports on the situation of women in Arab countries (optional).

1.30 - 3 p.m.

Luncheon: official welcome to participants.

Saturday, 12 December 1998 (continued)

- 3-5 p.m. Item 4 (b) Model for national action plans for Arab countries, with a vision for gender equality in the next millennium (Hoda Badran).
Brief country presentations for national action plans (optional).

Sunday, 13 December 1998

- 9 - 11 a.m. Theme two: Institution-building to accelerate implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.
Item 5 (a) Guidelines and basic criteria for institutionalization of national machineries for women and gender equality (Aida Najjar).
Brief presentations of country experiences (optional).
- 11 – 11.30 a.m. Break.
- 11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Item 5 (b) Feasibility and operationalization of Microcredit lending facilities for poor women in urban and rural areas in selected Arab Countries (Camillia El-Solh).
Brief presentations of country experiences (optional).
- 1.30 - 2 p.m. Break.
- 2 - 4 p.m. Theme three: Capacity-building for gender mainstreaming.
Item 6 (a) The Role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (Shahida El-Baz).

Monday, 14 December 1998

- Theme three: Capacity-building for gender mainstreaming (*continued*)
- 9 - 11 a.m. Item 6 (b) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into policies, plans and programmes at the national level: model action plan (Lina Abou Habib).
Brief presentations of country experiences (optional).
Brief presentations of United Nations and specialized agencies experiences (optional).
- 11 – 11.30 a.m. Break.

Monday, 14 December 1998 (continued)

11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.

Working groups I, II, III, IV and V:

- Working Group I. The framework and indicators for the national report on monitoring implementations of the Beijing Platform;
- Working Group II. The Arab Model action plan with a vision for gender equality in the next millenium;
- Working Group III. Guidelines for institutionalizing national machineries for women and gender equality;
- Working Group IV. The role of NGOs in implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;
- Working Group V. Mainstreaming a gender perspective into policies, plans and programmes at the national level: a model action plan.

1.30 - 2 p.m.

Break.

2-4 p.m.

Reports of working groups I – V.

Tuesday, 15 December 1998

11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.

Item 7

Adoption of the report of the Meeting.

1.30 - 2 p.m.

Item 8

Closing session.