Towards a Global Ban of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

High Level Meeting – Ouagadougou, 8-10 November 2009

Organised by Ministry of Social Action and National Solidarity and No Peace Without Justice
Under the High Patronage of Mrs Chantal Compaoré, wife of H.E. the President of Burkina Faso

Sunday, 8 November 2009

Arrival of international Participants
12.00 – 19.00 Registration and accreditation of Participants
20.30 Welcome dinner in honour of Participants at the Gondwana

Monday, 9 November 2009

08.00 – 09.00 Accreditation of Participants at the Centre International de Conférence de Ouaga 2000

09.00 – 12.00 Opening Session

Introduction of the Program by the Master of Ceremonies

Musical Performance

Hon. Pascaline Tamini-Bihoun, Minister of Social Action and National Solidarity, Burkina Faso

Hon. Elisabetta Belloni, Director General of the Development Cooperation, Italian Republic, represented by Mrs Bianca Pomeranzi, Senior Gender Advisor, Development Cooperation

Hon. Nima Boulhan Houssein, Minister for the Promotion of Women, Family Welfare and Social Affairs, Republic of Djibouti
Hon. Emma Bonino, Vice-president of the Italian Senate, Italian Republic, founder of NPWJ

Musical Performance

Mrs Chantal Compaoré, First Lady of Burkina Faso

H.E. Mrs Mariana Mane Sanha, First Lady of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

H.E. Mrs Janet Kataha Museveni, First Lady of the Republic of Uganda, represented by Hon. Rukiya Kulany Chekamondo, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Économic Development

H.E. Mrs Touré Lobbo Traoré, First Lady of the Republic of Mali, represented by Hon. Fatoumata Guindo, Spokesperson of the Government

12.00–14.00 Group photo, followed by Luncheon

14.00–15.00 Plenary Session - Towards a Global Ban of FGM

Co-Chairs

Hon. Pascaline Tamini-Bihoun, Minister of Social Action and National Solidarity, Burkina Faso
Dr. Niccolò Figà-Talamanca, Secretary General of No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ)

Interventions

Hon. Memonatou Ibrahima, Minister of Women’s Affairs, Republic of Togo
Babacar Cissé, United Nations Resident Coordinator

H.E. Mrs Moushira Mahmoud Khattab, Minister for Family and Population, Arab Republic of Egypt, represented by H.E. the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Burkina Faso

Mr Gennaro Gentile, Director, UTL-Niamey (Italian Development Cooperation)

Mrs Mariam Lamizana, President of the Inter-African Committee (IAC)
15.00-18.30  Parallel Thematic Sessions

Session I  FGM as a global issue; the importance of legal frameworks and harmonization of national legislations in Africa

Co-Chairs  Mrs Ndèye Soukey Gueye, Director, Ministry of Family Affairs, Republic of Senegal
Mrs Mariam Lamizana, President, Inter-African Committee on Harmful Traditional Practices (IAC)

Rapporteur  Mrs Alvilda Jablonko, FGM Program Coordinator, NPWJ

Interventions  Mr Diakete Akete, Advisor to H.E. the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
Mr Brehima Ballo, AMSOPT, Republic of Mali
Mrs Laurel Bangura, Director, FGM-Sierra Leone
Mrs Kamassi Hadizatou, CONIPRAT, Republic of Niger
Mr Okeke Collins, Senior Consultant, HURILAWS, Federal Republic of Nigeria
Mrs Una Thompson, President, Women of Liberia Peace Network, Republic of Liberia

Session II  The Effectiveness of the Law

Co-Chairs  Mrs Marie-Rose Sawadogo, Permanent Secretary, Comité National de lutte contre la pratique de l’excision, Burkina Faso
Mrs Florence Ali, President, Ghana Association for Women’s Welfare, Republic of Ghana

Rapporteur  Mr Lamine Traoré, Coordinator, Project for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Republic of Mali
Interventions
Mrs Mailalé Fatouma Baubé, CONIPRAT, Republic of Niger
Mrs Marie Delphine Ndiaye, Presidente, Association des Femmes Juristes Senegalaïses, Republic of Senegal
Mrs Rose Nwannumu, Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Federal Republic of Nigeria
Mrs Victorine Odounlami, CI-AF - Benin
Mrs Berhane Ras-Work, Executive Director, IAC
Mrs Sultana Mohamed Yahya, Director of FemmeAid, Islamic Republic of Mauritania
Mrs Linda Weil-Curiel, President, CAMS, French Republic

Session III  The potential of the media in the fight against FGM
Co-Chairs  Imam Djiguiba Cissé, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
Mrs Isatou Touray, President, GAMCOTRAP, Republic of The Gambia

Rapporteur  Mr Morissanda Kouyaté, Chief of Operations, IAC

Interventions  Mr Marco Bello, VPS/CISV Regione Piemonte, Italian Republic
Mrs Khady Cissé, Secretary General of the West African Journalists Union, Republic of Senegal
Mrs Khady Koita, Presidente, La Palabre, Belgium/Senegal
Mr Yao Enyonam Kpogo, Director, FGM Program, Togolese Republic
Mrs Francesca Moneti, Senior Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF
Mrs Josephine Keita Traoré, Director, National Program for the Abandonment of FGM/C, Ministry of Women’s Affairs, Republic of Mali

20.00  Dinner at the Presidential Palace
Tuesday, 10 November 2009

9.00 – 11.00  Resumed Thematic Sessions

Session I  FGM as a global issue, the importance of legal frameworks and harmonization of national legislations in Africa

Session II  The effectiveness of the Law

Session III  The potential of the media in the fight against FGM

11.00 – 11.15  Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00  Plenary Session – Reports from parallel sessions

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Dr. Niccolò Figà-Talamanca, Secretary General of No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ)

Rapporteurs

Mrs Alvilda Jablonko, Rapporteur for the Thematic Session on FGM as a global issue, the importance of legal frameworks and harmonization of national legislations in Africa

Mr Lamine Traoré, Rapporteur for the Thematic Session on The effectiveness of the Law

Mr Morissanda Kouyaté, Rapporteur for the Thematic Session on The potential of the media in the fight against FGM

Discussion

13.00 – 13.30  Closing Session and adoption of the Final Declaration

13.30 – 15.00  Lunch

Simultaneous interpretation available in French and English

Conference venue Centre International de Conférence de Ouaga2000