High Level Event on the Worldwide Ban on Female Genital Mutilation
Roma 3-5 February 2013

-------------------------------
DRAFT PROGRAM
-------------------------------

Sunday 3 February

During the day: Arrival and Registration of Participants

19:00 Welcome Reception
Introduction and welcome

Keynote speech:
Nanténin Chérif, Minister for the Advancement of Women, Guinea
Nestorine Sangare, Minister for the Advancement of Women, Burkina Faso

Vote of Thanks:
Mariam Lamizana, President IAC/CI-AF, Burkina Faso

* - * - * - * - *

Monday 4 February
Sala Zuccari, Italian Senate

08:30 Meeting at hotel lobbies to walk over to Senate

9:00-11:00 Opening Ceremony

Welcome by:
Renato Schifani, President of the Senate
Mario Monti, Prime Minister of Italy *TBC*

Remarks:
Djene Kaba Conde, First Lady of Guinea
Abena Ondoа née Marie Thérèse Obama, Minister for the Advancement of Women and Family, Cameroun *TBC*
Maikibi Kadidiatou Dandobi, Minister of Population, Advancement of Women, Child Protection, Niger
Raimonde Coffie Goudou, Minister of Health and the fight against HIV/AIDS, Cote d’Ivoire
Fatouma Amadou Djibril, Minister of Family, Social Affairs, National Solidarity, the Disabled and Elderly, Benin
Nestorine Sangare, Minister for the Advancement of Women, Burkina Faso
Demba Traoré, Minister for Malians Abroad and for African Integration, Mali
Antonio Tête, Ambassador, Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations

Concluding remarks:
Emma Bonino, Vice-president of the Senate, founder of No Peace Without Justice

11:00 -11:15 Group Photo
11:15 – 13:00  
**Plenary Session I: adoption of national legislation**

*What elements should FGM legislation include. Prevention, education, deterrence, intervention, protection, prosecution, assistance to victims and redress. Awareness-raising on the law, (translation, vulgarisation, outreach): the role of the State, civil society, educators, community and cultural leaders. Challenges in adopting effective legislation.*

**Co-Chairs:**
- Moushira Khattab, Academic and former Minister, Egypt
- Demba Traoré, Minister for Malians Abroad and for African Integration, Mali
- Maikibi Kadidiatou Dandobi, Minister of Population, Advancement of Women, Child Protection, Niger

**Introduction by:**
- Dora Byamukama, Member of the East African Legislative Assembly, Uganda

**Facilitated by:**
- Niccolo Figa-Talamanca, Secretary-General, No Peace Without Justice

**Interventions:**
- Aissah Ouro-Akondo Akanti, Ministry for the Advancement of Women, Togo
- Florence Ali, Ghanian Association for Women’s Welfare, Ghana
- Marieme Baba Sy, Association pour la Promotion de l’Egalité entre Genre Droits Humains et Développement, Mauritania
- Rahim Kamara, Manifesto 99, Sierra Leone
- Bianca Pomeranzi, member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women of the United Nations
- Marguerite Ramadan, IAC, Republique Centrafricaine
- Fatoumata Fathy Sidibé, Member of Parliament –Bruxelles Capitale, Belgium
- Isatou Touray, GAMCOTRAP, Gambia
- Linda Weil-Curiel, C.A.M.S, France
- Memouna Babouni Yacoubou, IAC-Benin

**Discussion**

**Conclusions by:**
- Lamine Traore, FGM Program, UNFPA, Mali

13:00 – 15:00  
**Lunch**

15:00 – 17:00  
**Plenary Session II: Compliance with the law**

*National plans or strategies following the adoption of legislation. Allocation of resources for outreach activities about the law. Training of the institutions mandated to implement the law, including police, prosecutors, judges, etc. Monitoring effective compliance by State agents and institutions and accountability for non compliance. Prevention and prosecution: hot lines, children at risk, reporting and intervention.*

**Co-chairs:**
- Raimonde Coffie Goudou, Minister of Health and the fight against HIV/AIDS, Cote d’Ivoire
- Nestorine Sangare, Minister for the Advancement of Women, Burkina Faso
- Abena Ondoanée Marie Thérèse Obama, Minister for the Advancement of Women and Family, Cameroun “TBC”

**Introduction by:**
- Efua Dorkenoo, Equality Now, Ghana

**Facilitated by:**
- Ilwad Elmi, FGM Program Associate, No Peace Without Justice

**Interventions:**
- Halo Aboubaker Houmed, Ministry for the Advancement of Women, Djibouti
- Neneh Bojang, IAC-Norway/EuroNet FGM
Fatouma Boubé, CONIPRAT, Niger
Djiguiba Cisse, IAC-Cote d'Ivoire
Randa Fakhr Eldin, Egyptian NGO Coalition against FGM, Egypt
Mary Okioma, Women for Justice in Africa, Kenya
Mohamadi Ouedraogo, National Committee for the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation / National Gendarmerie, Burkina Faso
Magatte Sy, IAC-Senegal

Discussion

Conclusions by:
Els Leye, La Palabre, Belgium

17:00 Walk from Senate to Hotels

19:30 Meeting at hotel lobby for transportation to Gala Venue

20:00 Gala Dinner - Palais Farnèse

Keynote Speeches:
Alain Le Roy, Ambassador of France
Chantal Compaoré, First Lady of Burkina Faso
Elsa Fornero, Italian Minister of Labour and Equal Opportunities

---

5 February
Sale delle Conferenze Internazionali

08:45 Meeting at the hotel lobby for transfer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

09:30 – 11:00 Plenary Session III: Regional and International Cooperation on FGM
Harmonization, Cross-border dimension, International support.

Co-chairs:
Nanténin Chérif, Minister of Advancement of Women, Guinea
Fatouma Amadou Djibril, Minister of Family, Social Affairs, National Solidarity, the Disabled and Elderly, Benin
Antonio Téte, Ambassador, Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations

Introduction by:
Morissanda Kouyaté, Executive Director, IAC/CI-AF, Guinea

Facilitated by:
Alvilda Jablonko, FGM Program Coordinator, No Peace Without Justice

Interventions:
Bertin Babadoudou, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Benin
Daniela Colombo, Italian Association for Women in Development, Italy
Comfort Effiom, IAC – Cameroun
Maryam Elahi, International Women's Program, Open Society Foundations
Dilek Elveren, Francophonie
Khady Koita, La Palabre, Senegal
Faiza Mohamed, Equality Now, Kenya
Gisele Mandaila, Member of Parliament –Bruxelles Capitale, Belgium
Assibi Napoe, IAC-Togo
Ms Els Van Hoof, AWEPA
United Nations Representatives
Discussion

Conclusions by
Giampaolo Cantini, Director General, DG Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

11:00 – 13:00 Conclusions and Closing: the next steps

Co-chairs:
Chantal Compaoré, First Lady of Burkina Faso
Giulio Maria Terzi di Sant’Agata, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy
Elsa Fornero, Minister of Labour and Equal Opportunities, Italy

Introduction by:
Marta Dassù, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Facilitated by:
Sabrina Gasparrini, Diplomatic Advisor to Hon. Emma Bonino, Vice-president of the Italian Senate

Reports on the Outcomes by Chairs of the Plenary Sessions I, II and III.

Discussion and Adoption of Outcome Document

13:00 -14:30 Lunch at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In the afternoon Transfers to the airport and departure