Ministerial Sub-regional Consultation on the implementation of UN Resolution 69/150 banning female genital mutilation
Dakar, 26-27 April 2016

PROGRAM
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Detailed Program for Ministerial Sub-regional Consultation

The Program of the Ministerial Consultation is designed to facilitate an in-depth policy dialogue among the participants who represent and work within and across three main sectors involved in implementing the ban on FGM outlined in the UNGA resolution: justice, health and women/gender. The UNGA Resolution, the adoption of which was spearheaded by African States, is now a fundamental reference point in the worldwide efforts to combat FGM. There is a need for strong, coordinated policies and concrete, practical strategies within and across the justice, health and women/gender sectors to achieve the resolution's purpose. Ultimately, the Program is designed to lead to an aspirational outcome document that will engage participants for future actions to bring an end to FGM, showcasing successes in the implementation of the ban and in sectoral and sub-regional collaboration. The outcomes can also provide inspiration and a call to action for other regions where the work to implement the ban against FGM has not yet reached the scope of activity seen in West Africa.

Aside from the Opening and Closing, the program develops over two days in parallel High Level Sessions, first gathering participants by Sector and Ministry, then gathering cross-sector by issue. The High Level Sessions are interspaced with brief Plenaries to share Session outcomes and work together towards a Final Declaration that would incorporate the political engagements emerging from each Session. The Final Declaration will be adopted after lunch on the second day, followed by official Statements from each Delegation.

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09.00 Sketch by Espoir de la Banlieue

09.10 Opening Session

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10.50 Group photograph and coffee break
11.20 High-level Session 1: National normative frameworks and sub-regional cooperation

The first High Level Session is organised with participants gathering in three separate parallel meeting rooms, by Sector: Ministers of Justice, of Health and of Women/Gender and other participants will discuss experiences on the political and operational challenges in implementing the worldwide ban on FGM within their Sector, identify concrete solutions and explore avenues of cooperation with their counterparts in the Sub-region.

**Group 1: Justice Sector**

This discussion focuses on the current situation and policies and concrete actions for the Justice Sector as a whole can or should work on implementing the ban on FGM, from legislative action through to criminal cases and appeals. It covers the range of actors involved with the justice sector including state attorneys, police, lawyers, prosecutors, judges, correctional officers, mediators and others. The main issue is policy challenges for strengthening practical actions within the justice sector on preventing FGM, on responding when it happens and on assessing the impact of actions within the justice sector on FGM. How should justice sector actors be supported to perform these roles more effectively and what are some of the policy priorities that would support the implementation of the ban on FGM through the justice sector.

Topics for discussion include:

- Promoting awareness and knowledge about the law and legal developments
- Codes of Professional Conduct including reporting obligations
- Prosecutorial policies
- Exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction
- Mutual legal assistance, judicial cooperation and policy exchanges in the sub-region

**Chair** Cheick Sako, Ministre d'Etat, à la Justice, Garde des Sceaux (Guinea)

**Facilitator** Alison Smith, Legal Counsel and Director of International Criminal Justice Program, No Peace Without Justice

**Rapporteur** Abdul Rahim Kamara, President, Manifesto 99
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**Group 2: Health Sector**

This discussion focuses on how the Health Sector as a whole can or should work on implementing the ban on FGM. It covers the range of actors involved with the health sector including doctors, nurses, midwives, hospital workers and others. The main issue is policy challenges for strengthening practical actions within the health sector on preventing FGM, on responding when it happens and on assessing the impact of actions within the justice sector on FGM. How should health sector actors be supported to perform these roles more effectively and what are some of the policy priorities that would support the implementation of the ban on FGM through the health sector.

Topics for discussion include:

- Elements of a normative framework for the health sector, including awareness and knowledge
- Inclusion of the ban against FGM in professional codes of conduct and protocols
- Reporting obligations
- Post-qualification professional development
- Collecting and sharing information within the health sector and with countries in the sub-region

Chair: Abdourahmane Diallo, Ministre de la Santé (Guinea)
Facilitator: Morissanda Kouyaté, Directeur Exécutif CI-AF
Rapporteur: Moustapha Touré, Ministère de la Santé du Mali

**Group 3: Women / Gender Ministries**

This discussion focuses on how Women/Gender Ministries as a whole can or should work on implementing the ban on FGM. It covers the range of actors involved with these Ministries including social workers, psychosocial supporters, providers of social services and others. The main issue is policy challenges for strengthening practical actions within the Women/Gender sector on preventing FGM, on responding when it happens and on assessing the impact of actions within the Women / Gender sector on FGM. How should Women/Gender sector actors be supported to perform these roles more effectively and what are some of the policy priorities that would support the implementation of the ban on FGM through the Women/Gender sector.

Topics for discussion include:

- Elements for a national plan for the Women / Gender sector, including awareness and knowledge within the sector
- Elements for an outreach plan for promoting awareness and engagement within the public
- Codes of Professional Conduct and reporting obligations
- Collecting and sharing information and cooperation within and between countries in the sub-region

Chair: Fatoumetou Habib, Ministre des Affaires sociales, de l'Enfance et de la Famille de la Mauritanie (Mauritania)
Facilitator: Fatoumata Balde, Présidente CIAF Guinée Bissau, former Ministre
Rapporteur: Assibi Napolé, Présidente CIAF Togo

13.00 Lunch
14.30 Resumption of High Level Session 1: National normative frameworks and sub-regional cooperation, by Sector
16.00 Plenary: Read-out from High-level Sessions, identifying elements for a Final Declaration
17.00 End of first day of Consultation
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09.00  Plenary: Briefing on the High-level Cross-sector Session

09.30  High-level Session 2: Cooperation among sectors: Prevention, Response, Assessment

Participants across all Sectors and Ministries gather in parallel discussions, to address issues of Prevention, Response and Assessment and ways in which different Sectors should coordinate and cooperate, both nationally and sub-regionally.

**Group 4: Prevention**

The discussion of prevention therefore focuses on what policies and concrete actions are required to facilitate inter-sectoral cooperation.

Topics for discussion include:

- Elements for a national plan on Prevention of FGM
- Cross-sectoral services required for prevention
- Strategies for awareness-raising and outreach
- Collecting and sharing information and cooperation between sectors and in the sub-region

*Chair*  Abdourahmane Diallo, Ministre de la Santé (Guinea)

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**Group 5: Response**

Response covers the range of actions required once FGM has taken place: what are the necessary steps that need to be taken by the different sectors and what policies and concrete actions are required to ensure the system as a whole can respond effectively.

Topics for discussion include:

- Elements for a national plan on Responding to FGM
- Cross-sectoral services required for effective responses to FGM
- Strategies for awareness-raising and outreach
- Information-sharing and cooperation between sectors and in the sub-region

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Group 6: Assessment
Assessment covers the methods of evaluation of policies and strategies at the sectoral and inter-sectoral levels, both nationally and sub-regionally, and should cover the prevalence of FGM and trends regarding FGM across time and in different places, which requires an ability to compare data collected by different sectors and in different places.

Topics for discussion include:
- Elements for a national plan on assessing the impact of work against FGM
- Indicators for the effective assessment of the impact of work against FGM
- Methodologies for the collection of data on which to base assessments
- Cooperation between sectors and the sub-region to improve the effectiveness of assessment

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11.15 Coffee Break
11.30 Plenary: Presentation and discussion of the results of the High-level Sessions and elements of the Final Declaration
13.00 Lunch
14.30 Plenary: Adoption of the Final Declaration and Statements by Country Delegations
16.00 Closing Session
16.30 End of second and final day of Consultation