WSIS GENDER CAUCUS EVENTS PROGRAM AT WSIS
TUNIS, 14-19 November 2005

Monday 14 November 2005
13.00 – 15.00 h
Panel 1 - "Global Perspectives on Gender and ICTs: Results of the WSIS Gender Caucus Research Competitions I". Room: Béja
15.00 – 17.00 h
Panel 2 - "Global Perspectives on Gender and ICTs: Results of the WSIS Gender Caucus Research Competitions II". Room: Béja

Chair:
- Eva Rathgeber, Joint Chair Women's Studies, University of Ottawa/Carleton University, WSIS Gender Caucus Steering Committee

Panellists Competitions I:
- Maria Benitez Maldonado
- Gisele Dodji Dovi
- Kutoma J. Wakunuma
- Mridula Swamy

Panellists Competitions II:
- Leslie Regan Shade/ Barbara Crow
- Elisabeth Kelan
- Elena GAPOVA
- Kris Rampersad

The WSIS Gender Caucus launched in 2004 and 2005 a global grants research programme to support innovative research on gender and ICTs and explore strategic approaches to design, implement, monitor and evaluate gender-sensitive policy on 'the Information Society'. The objective of the panels is to share the findings of the granted researchers in order to enlarge the knowledge base for gender-sensitive policy on ICTs.

Tuesday 15 November 2005
15.00 – 17.00 h
Debate - "ICTs and Women's human rights". Room: Nabeul

Panel coordinator:
- Florence Etta

Moderator
- Janice Broadman

Debaters: (Pro) *ICTs have enhanced human rights and gender equality*
- Marianne Seger
- Ruth Ochieng
- Brenda Nelson-Porter

Debaters (Con) *ICTs have undermined human rights gender equality*
- Steve Buckley
- Natasa Gospic
- Essia Belhassen

Judges
- Gloria Bonder
- S.Ebadi
- Bineta Diop

E-Volunteers (*offsite and online*)
- Esther Nakkazi
- Kathy Marshall
- Annelien van Meer

The debate will bring 6 intergenerational debaters from Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, US& Canada, Europe, and Asia, representing men and women of different ideological flavours, feminists and conservatives, to debate how information and communication technologies have advanced or undermined gender equality. The debate will also suggest how sustained change in the service of gender equality might be achieved through the agency of ICTs in the future Information Society.

Tuesday 15 November 2005
17.00 – 19.00 h
Panel 3 - "Creators in the Knowledge Society: Strategies for the Integration of the Gender Perspective in Youth and ICT projects – FLACSO, Argentina". Room: Nabeul

Organizers:
- WSIS Gender Caucus and UNESCO-FLACSO

Chair:
- Gloria Bonder: Catedra Regional UNESCO Mujer, Ciencia y Tecnología en América Latina. FLACSO- Argentina/WSIS Gender Caucus Steering Committee

Panellists:
- Kemly Camacho, Oficina Latinoamericana de Ballanet. (IDRC/CRDI), Especialista Principal de Programas
- Carlota Alméciga, Escuela de Género, Univ. Nacional de Colombia, Investigadora
- Silvia Elizalde, Cátedra Regional UNESCO Mujer, Ciencia y Tecnología, Investigadora
- Magaly Pazello, DAWN/WSIS Gender Caucus Steering Committee
- Maja Andjelkovic, International Institute for Sustainable Development, Associate Knowledge Communications Institution Canada

The panel will present and discuss the major findings of the research projects called: "From Discourse to Facts: Gender Equity in Internet, Access and Use by Latin American Youth". In particular, it will address how gender analysis and frameworks are conceived in the projects, their strategies and practical implications. It will analyse the basic assumptions concerning youth, cultural and social conditions and the role that ICTs should play for improving their life and opportunities.

Wednesday 16 November 2005
17.00-19.00h

Panel 4 - "From Margin to Center: Gender Equity in Building the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean". Room: Sousse

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Chair:
- Gloria Bonder: Catedra Regional UNESCO Mujer, Ciencia y Tecnología en América Latina. FLACSO- Argentina/WSIS Gender Caucus Steering Committee

Panellists:
- Kemly Camacho, Oficina Latinoamericana de Ballanet. (IDRC/CRDI), Especialista Principal de Programas
- Kris Rampersad, Network of NGOS of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women, Director of Lobby, Advocacy and Research
-Carlota Alméciga, Escuela de Género, Univ. Nacional de Colombia, Investigadora
- Magaly Pazello, DAWN/WSIS Gender Caucus Steering Committee.

This panel is intended to present the main strands of reflection and proposals for action regarding the integration of the gender equity approach into building the Information Society in Latin America. It will count with the participation of members and representatives from gender-related institutions and organizations from different countries in the Region. Based on the systematization of the discussions and documents tackled during the preliminary phase of the WSIS, the panel will focus on the debate of regional needs, contributions and experiences in order to strengthen the role of Latin American and Caribbean women and thus put together a gender perspective in building the Information Society.

Thursday 17 November 2005
09.00 – 11.00 h
Panel 5 - "WSIS Implementation: Gender Caucus past, present and post Tunis". Room: Sousse

Panel Coordinator:
- Lettie Longwe, AMARC Africa/ WSIS Gender Caucus Interim Chairperson

Moderator:
- Dorothy Okello, WOUGNET

Panelists:
- UNIFEM Representative
- Anita Gurumurthy, IT for Change, *Post Tunis, the road ahead*
- Conchita Poncini, CONGO Committee on the Status of Women, *ICT, Gender Equalizer in the 21st Century: Strategies and Vision*
- Heike Jensen, Humboldt University/WSIS Gender Caucus Steering Committee

The panel will aim to build on lessons learned and achievements gained in the implementation of the WSIS Gender Caucus "bridging the digital divide" project, within the WSIS information society by looking at and presenting past, present and post Tunis plans and activities. The panel will also address post-WSIS implementation challenges from structural issues contained in the WSIS documents, to real impediments at national levels to programmatic issues linked to global policy.

Thursday 17 November 2005
11.00 – 13.00 h
Panel 6 - "The role of ICTs in Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction".
Room: Sousse

Organizers:
- ITU and WSIS GENDER CAUCUS

Panel Coordinator:
- Savitri Bisnath, ITU, WSIS Gender Caucus Steering Committee

Moderator:
- Dr. Florence Etta, WSIS Gender Caucus Steering Committee

Panellists:
- Gultekin Ozaltinordu, Programme Administrator, E-Trade Bridge, International Trade Centre, *Making "e" work for businesswomen in international trade*
- Natasa Gospic, ITU Working Group on Gender Issues and Professor, University of Belgrade, *ICTs and Women: Opportunities and Challenges*
- Jo Tacchi, UNESCO, *Finding a Voice: Making Technological Change Socially Effective and Culturally Empowering*

ICTs are increasingly promoted as important tools in the facilitation of economic growth and increased well-being. It is also argued that when women have access to, and use, ICTs their economic status improves along with their families and their communities. This panel will discuss and explore specific ways in which ITC, ITU and UNESCO have used ICTs as a tool in their gender sensitive development projects. Best practices and constraints will also be highlighted.

Multimedia Exhibition
Stand 1315, Development & Partnership Quarter
We will be showcasing, presenting and screening materials on women's participation and contribution to the Information Society, equal representation of women and men in the Information Society and gender and ICTs.