

Day 1

Tuesday 29 November 2005

TIME	EVENT	OBJECTIVES	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
9:00 - 10:30	<p>Plenary 1: Opening Plenary Our Sisters, Ourselves: Defending Women Human Rights Defenders</p>	<p>1. To provide a brief introduction to the WHRD campaign and outline the objectives and outcomes of the international consultation;</p> <p>2. To introduce the participants to the concept of WHRD and the importance of giving recognition on WHRDs and their concerns;</p>	<p>Video presentation: Tribute to WHRDs</p> <p>Nimalka Fernando, Women's Alliance for Peace and Democracy/IMADR, Sri Lanka: <i>Welcome remarks</i></p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Hina Jilani, UN Special Representative to the Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders: <i>Keynote Address - Defending Women, Defending Rights</i></p> <p>Charlotte Bunch, Center for Women's Global Leadership, USA: <i>Introduction to the WHRD Campaign and International Consultation</i></p>	
			Moderator: Mary Jane N. Real	
10:30-11:00	<p>Coffee and Tea Break Press Conference with Hina Jilani, UN Special Representative to the Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders</p>		Moderator: Melinda Ann Ching-Simon	
11:00-12:30	<p>Plenary 2: Panel Presentation on Problems and Obstacles Faced by WHRDs</p>	<p>1. To highlight the key problems and obstacles faced by WHRDs;</p> <p>2. To highlight the emerging patterns of violations and abuses against WHRDs;</p>	<p>Gloria Cano, Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos, Peru: <i>State violence and repression against WHRDs</i></p> <p>Marieme Helie Lucas, Women Living Under Muslim Laws, France: <i>Fundamentalisms and WHRDs</i></p> <p>Fatimata Mbaye, Association Mauritanienne de la Defense de Driots de l'Homme, Mauritania: <i>Obstacles faced by WHRDs in the Family/Community</i></p>	

			Cynthia Rothschild CWGL/IGLHRC, USA: <i>Sexuality-based attacks against WHRDs</i>	
			Moderator: Sunila Abeyseekera	
12:30-14:30	Lunch Break Film – showing/Caucuses			
14:30-16:30	Break-out session 1: Group discussion on issues and concerns faced by WHRDs within regional contexts	<p>1. To identify gender-based forms of human rights violations, threats, risks, and their consequences on WHRDs by region;</p> <p>2. To discuss the concepts and key concerns of WHRDs within each regional context;</p>	Regional Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Asia-Pacific ▪ Latin America and the Caribbean ▪ Middle East and North Africa ▪ Sub-Saharan Africa ▪ Europe and North America 	
<i>By appointment</i>	Sharing of Cases and Testimonies of Women Human Rights Defenders with Hina Jilani, UN Special Representative to the Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders			
17:00-18:30	Plenary session 3: Reporting Back	<p>1. to synthesise the gender-based forms of human rights violations, threats, risks, and their consequences on WHRDs;</p>	Rapporteurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Svetlana Durkovic, <i>Organisation Q, Bosnia & Herzegovina</i> ▪ Kimberly Vance, <i>ARC International, Canada</i> ▪ Tony Kasim, <i>Sisters In Islam, Malaysia</i> ▪ Donna Ann Marie Smith, <i>Forum for the Empowerment of Women, Jamaica</i> ▪ Ndeye Nafissatou Feye, <i>Reseau SIGGIL JIGEEN, Senegal</i> ▪ Ito Eze-Anaba, <i>Legal Defense and Assistance Project, Nigeria</i> ▪ Karina Sarmiento, <i>Fundacion Esquel, Ecuador</i> 	
			Moderator: Immaculada Vargas	
19:30 -	Welcome Reception hosted by the WHRD-ICC			

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9:00 -10:30	Plenary session 4: Panel Presentation on Protecting Rights, Preventing Abuses: UN and Governmental Mechanisms for the Protection of WHRDs	<p>1. To outline and assess the existing UN and governmental mechanisms for the protection of WHRDs;</p> <p>2. To identify further strategies and mechanisms for the prevention of abuses and protection of WHRDs.</p>	<p>Julie de Rivero, International Service for Human Rights, Switzerland: <i>UN and other international/regional mechanisms on WHRDs</i></p> <p>Philip Alston, UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions: <i>Using and accessing the UN Special Rapporteur mechanism for the protection of WHRDs</i></p> <p>Kamala Chandrakirana, Komnas Perempuan, Indonesia: <i>Role of national human rights institutions in the protection of WHRDs</i></p> <p>Luz Marina Monzon, Colombian Commission of Jurists, Colombia: <i>Accessing governmental and non-governmental mechanisms for the protection of WHRDs</i></p>	
			Moderator: Nevena Vuckovic Sahovic	
10 :30-11:00	Coffee and Tea Break			
11:00-12:30	Plenary session 5: Panel Presentation on NGO Experiences in Accessing Mechanisms and Tools for the Protection of	<p>1. To highlight the various initiatives of NGOs for the prevention of abuses and protection of WHRDs.</p> <p>2. To critically discuss these</p>	<p>Zazi Sadou, Women Living Under Muslim Laws, Algeria: <i>Strategies of a network in supporting WHRDs at risk</i></p> <p>Sapana Pradan Malla, Forum on Women, Law and Development, Nepal: <i>Legal strategies in</i></p>	

	WHRDs	initiatives in the context of the problems and obstacles faced by WHRDs.	<i>defending WHRDs</i> Lohana Berkins , Association for the Struggle for Transgender Identity, Argentina: <i>Strategies of LGBTI groups to counter sexuality-based attacks against WHRDs</i> Lepa Mladjenovic , Autonomous Women's Center Against Sexual Violence, Serbia and Montenegro: <i>Psychological Well-being and Protection for WHRDs</i>	
			Moderator: Ruki Fernando	
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break			
13:30- 15:30	Break-out session 2: Concurrent Thematic Workshops on Prevention of Abuses and Protection of WHRDs	1. To have a deeper understanding of emerging and persistent violations and abuses against WHRDs; 2. To identify one or two actions/ strategy(ies) needed for the protection of WHRDs and prevention of abuses against WHRDs; 3. To identify effective strategies to make different state and non- state actors accountable for violations and abuses against WHRDs.	Thematic Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fundamentalisms (WLUML) ▪ Sexuality based-attacks (CWGL, IGLHRC) ▪ State repression (APWLD, AI) ▪ Family/Community (AI, APWLD) ▪ Neo-liberal Globalisation (APWLD) ▪ The 'Security Imperatives' (ISHR) 	
<i>By appointment</i>	Sharing of Cases and Testimonies of Women Human Rights Defenders with Hina Jilani, UN Special Representative to the Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders			

16:00- 18:00	Break-out session 3: Concurrent Skills Workshops on Prevention of Abuses and Protection of WHRDs	1. To impart basic skills on various strategies, which can be used for the protection of WHRDs and the prevention of abuses against them.	Skills Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Security training (Front Line) ▪ Urgent Action Tools (OMCT) ▪ Documentation, Investigation and Monitoring (Forum Asia, INFORM) ▪ Psychological Well-Being for WHRDs (Autonomous Women’s Center against Sexual Violence) ▪ Campaign and Advocacy (AI, CWGL) 	
19:30 -	Cocktails hosted by the Urgent Action Fund			

Thursday 1 December 2005

TIME	EVENT	OBJECTIVES	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
9:00 – 10:15	Plenary 7: Panel Presentation Justice for WHRDs and Accountability for Violations and abuses	<p>1. To discuss the problems and obstacles to justice for WHRDs;</p> <p>2. To have a critical discussion about the state both as a violator of rights of WHRDs and a body with a primary duty to safeguard the rights of WHRDs;</p> <p>3. To discuss the different types of non-state actors and to identify appropriate mechanisms to hold them liable for violations against WHRDs.</p>	<p>Aruna Mamei, Amnesty International, Sierra Leone: <i>Accountability for violations by the State against WHRDs</i></p> <p>Susana Fried, International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, USA: <i>Accountability for obstacles faced by WHRDs in the family/community</i></p> <p>Julia Silvia, Católicas por el derecho a decidir, Argentina: <i>Accountability for violations against WHRDs by fundamentalist forces</i></p>	
10:15-10:45	Coffee and Tea Break			
10:45-12:00			<p>Miloon Kothari, UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing: <i>WHRDs and Accountability for violations by state and non- state actors in the context of neoliberal globalization</i></p> <p>Vahida Nainar, Gender Justice Initiative, India: <i>WHRDs and Accountability for violations by state and non-state actors under the International</i></p>	

			<i>Criminal Court Statute</i>	
			Moderator: Hilary Fisher	
12:00-14 :00	Lunch Break Film-showing/Caucuses			
14:00-16:00	Break-out session 4: Group discussion on key actions for future collaborations on WHRDs	1. To identify key actions and collaborations of networks on WHRDs at different levels.	Action Workshops	
16:30- 18:00	Plenary 9: Closing Moving Forward Together: Future Collaborations on WHRDs	1. To synthesize the outcomes of the consultation. 2. To outline the follow-up actions after the international consultation.	Rapporteurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Svetlana Durkovic, <i>Organisation Q, Bosnia & Herzegovina</i> ▪ Kimberly Vance, <i>ARC International, Canada</i> ▪ Tony Kasim, <i>Sisters In Islam, Malaysia</i> ▪ Donna Ann Marie Smith, <i>Forum for the Empowerment of Women, Jamaica</i> ▪ Ndeye Nafissatou Feye, <i>Reseau SIGGIL JIGEEN, Senegal</i> ▪ Ito Eze-Anaba, <i>Legal Defense and Assistance Project, Nigeria</i> ▪ Karina Sarmiento, <i>Fundacion Esquel, Ecuador</i> 	
			Moderator: Charlotte Bunch	
19:30 -	Farewell dinner hosted by the WHRD-ICC and Madame Kum-Sil Kang, Ambassador on Women's Human Rights, Republic of Korea			

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9:00 -11:00	<p>Public Event: "Imagining the Future of the WHRD Campaign"</p>	<p>1. To share with the public the outcomes of the international consultation;</p> <p>2. To generate public support for the protection of WHRDs and the prevention of abuses against them;</p>	<p><i>Opening remarks</i></p> <p>Radhika Coomaraswamy, Human Rights Commission, Sri Lanka</p> <p><i>Guest Speakers</i></p> <p>Irene Khan, Amnesty International, UK</p> <p>Miloon Kothari, UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing</p> <p><i>Reflections from the participants</i></p> <p>Noeline Nabulivou, Women's Action for Change, Fiji</p> <p>Flor de Maria Meza, CLADEM, Uruguay</p> <p>Amal Abou Halika, New Woman Foundation, Egypt</p> <p>Jennifer William, Women of Zimbabwe Arise, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Khalida Saeed, Al Fatiha Foundation, USA</p> <p><i>Closing remarks and</i></p>	

			<i>Response from the WHRD-ICC</i>	
			Sunila Abeyeseekera , INFORM, Sri Lanka:	
			Moderator: Susana Fried	
11:00-13:00	Press Conference		Moderator : Zainah Anwar	
13:00-	Lunch Break			
14 :00-	Tour or shopping in the city (optional)			