

**Workshop A: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**  
*Tuesday, 29 March 2005*  
*Ambassador Hall 1, Marriott Hotel*  
**MDG Focus: (Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women)**

**Session 1-Political Participation and Leadership**  
**9:30 AM-11:10AM**

	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	5 min	<b>Chair:</b> Daniyal Aziz, Chairman, National Reconstruction Bureau <b>Co-Chair:</b> Faiza Effendi, Asst Res Rep, Chief Gender Unit, UNDP	<b>Opening remarks</b>
<b>Presentations</b>	10 min each	<b>Dr. Maj-Britt Theorin,</b> Former PGA Board and Council Member/Formal Member of European Parliament, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)	<b>A Case Study of Parliamentarians for Global Action's Strategies for Increasing Women Legislator's Representation and Effectiveness in a Post-Beijing Era</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An INGO's response to the Beijing Platform and its strategies and challenges leading to the MDGs</li> <li>• What challenges remain for guaranteeing women's political participation?</li> <li>• How to ensure women's empowerment via political participation?</li> <li>• What new re-assessments are required?</li> </ul>
		<b>Dr. Andrea Fleschenberg,</b> University of Duisburg-Essen Institute of Political Science / East Asian Studies	<b>Engendering Electoral –Quota Regulations as a means of Increasing Female Political Representation</b> Focuses on female political representation in South and South East Asia Review of quota regulations in these countries and their impact in terms of electoral outcomes
		<b>Ms. Nigar Ahmad,</b> Founder and Chief Executive, Aurat Foundation	
		<b>Ms. Saida Agrebi,</b> President, Tunisian Mother's Association	<b>Political Participation and Leadership: The Tunisian Experience</b> Incentives and enabling environment for women's access to political participation and leadership
		<b>Ms. Aicha Belarbi,</b> Professor Researcher	<b>Women's political participation and leadership in the Arab world</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's situation in the Arab World: what kind of political participation could be generated?</li> <li>• Women's leadership in Islam and according to social traditions</li> <li>• Moroccan reforms in the family and election code</li> </ul>
		<b>Ms. Rashida Dohad,</b> Senior Program Advisor, The Asia Foundation	<b>Women's Voices-- an analysis of structural barriers to women's political participation</b> An analysis of Pakistan Participatory Poverty Assessment to draw out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• structural barriers to enhancing women's political asset</li> <li>• their ability to influence decisions</li> <li>• links between women's political capital and their well-being.</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion</b>	25 min	<b>Facilitated by Co-Chair</b>	Discussion
<b>Closure</b>	10 min	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Wrap-up of the session outlining the key recommendations and conclusions</b>

**Session 2-Legal Frameworks including Islamic Law**  
**11:40 AM-1:20PM**

	Timing	Speaker	Topic
<b>Introduction</b>	10 min	<b>Chair: Justice Majida Rizvi</b> , Chairperson, National Commission on Status of Women <b>Co-Chair: Prof. Riffat Hassan</b> , Prof. of Religious Studies, University of Louisville, Kentucky	<b>Opening remarks</b>
<b>Presentations</b>	12 min each	<b>Farida Ali</b> , Member, International Governing Board, Religions for Peace	<b>Engaging Religion for the Empowerment Of Women and Girls</b> How collaborative programmes, strategies and advocacy with religious communities can contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
		<b>Prof. Shaheen Sardar Ali</b> , Prof of Law Warwick University, UK	<b>Legal Reform Initiatives and CRC in Muslim Jurisdictions: Some Lessons from the Field.</b> Critical analysis of legal reform initiatives (LRI) undertaken in a selection of Muslim countries its impact on bringing national laws in conformity with CRC in particular and international human rights regime in general.
		<b>Justice Nasira Javed Iqbal</b> , Advocate of Supreme Court of Pakistan	<b>Legal Framework in Pakistan, the Concept of Women's Empowerment and Emancipation in Islam &amp; Legal Empowerment of Women in Historical Context and its Impact on Gender Issues:</b> The status of women in Islam/Pakistan and its compatibility with the provisions of CEDAW
		<b>Rashida Mohammad Hussain Patel</b> , President Pakistan Women Lawyers Association	
<b>Discussion</b>	30 min	<b>Facilitated by Co-Chair</b>	Discussion
<b>Closure</b>	15 min	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Wrap-up of the session outlining the key recommendations and conclusions</b>

**Session 3-Gender Roles in Media and Entertainment**  
**2:20-4:00PM**

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<b>Introduction</b>	10 min	<b>Chair: Mushaid Hussain</b> , Secretary General, PML <b>Co-Chair: Sahira Kazmi</b> , Producer & Director	<b>Opening remarks</b>
<b>Presentations</b>	12 min each	<b>Najet Karaborni</b> , Senior Interregional Advisor/OUSG/UNDESA	<b>Gender, Media and Information Communication Technology: United Nations Contribution, Impact and Perspectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues, threats and challenges for achieving gender equality in media and ICT</li> <li>• UN involvement and contribution</li> <li>• Success stories: national governments' actions</li> </ul>

		<b>Ms. Moneza Hashmi,</b> Director Training Academy, Pakistan Television	<b>Electronic media's portrayal of gender in Pakistan: Past, Present and Future</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of PTV's policies in the past</li> <li>• Comparative analysis of gender sensitivities of recently launched channels</li> <li>• Impact of globalization and the media city</li> <li>• Overview of PTV-UNDP project, its success and failures</li> </ul>
		<b>Tasneem Ahmar, Director</b> UKS Research, Resource and Publication Center on Women & Media	<b>Creating Gender Stereotypes through Media</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there continued projection of negative and degrading images of women in Pakistani news publications?</li> <li>• What messages are these publications conveying?</li> <li>• Does lack of gender sensitivity in media policies lead to gender biases that result in stereotyped images?</li> <li>• Could a gender-sensitive code-of-ethics intervene in and alter these media images?</li> </ul>
		<b>Lady Mohini Noon,</b> Journalist, Film Maker, Cultural Activist	
<b>Discussion</b>	35 min	<b>Facilitated by Co-Chair</b>	Discussion
<b>Closure</b>	15 min	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Wrap-up of the session outlining the key recommendations and conclusions</b>

**Session 4- Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: The Way Forward**  
*Recommendations for the Islamabad Plan of Action*  
**4:30-5:30PM**

<b>Timing</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
60 min	<b>Chair: Prof. Shaheen Sardar Ali,</b> Prof of Law Warwick University, UK <b>Co-Chair: Faiza Effendi,</b> Asst Res Rep, Chief Gender Unit, UNDP	<b>Discussion and Q &amp; A</b> Wrap-up and review of recommendations in preceding sessions