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International Conference: Gender Mainstreaming and the MDG's

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Sub: International Conference: Gender Mainstreaming and Millennium Development Goals

Dear Ms. Hanifa D. Mezoui,

We are pleased to invite you to the "International Conference: Gender Mainstreaming and the MDGs," scheduled from 28-30 March 2005 in Islamabad, Pakistan. This Conference will be a joint effort of the Ministry of Women Development, Government of Pakistan and the All Pakistan Women's Association (APWA), in collaboration with several UN Agency partners and donors.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Shaukat Aziz, will inaugurate the Conference and the President of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf, is expected to address the Closing Ceremony.

The Conference deliberations will be on the following themes:

- ***Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment***
- ***Gender Equality, Human Rights and Peace***
- ***Gender Equality and Poverty Alleviation***
- ***Gender Equality and Health***
- ***Gender Equality and Education***

This Conference will examine international, regional and national 'best practices' towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, to chart a way forward towards achieving gender equality and human development.

The deliverables will be a set of substantive policy and action-oriented recommendations that will be leveraged through over 300 participants drawn from within SAARC countries and beyond.

It is an honor and privilege to invite you to participate in the Workshop on "Gender Equality and Education" as Speaker for the Session 3 on "Public, Private and Civil Society Partnerships for Education" (29 March, 2005). The tentative Conference Programme is enclosed for your reference.



28th - 30th March 2005, Islamabad, Pakistan.

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We look forward to a positive confirmation, an honor for us and indeed for the people of Pakistan. Kindly RSVP by March 5, 2005 to the Conference Secretary, Ms. Asma Yamin, at info.conpak05@dslplus.net.pk

Yours sincerely,



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