First Meeting of the South Asian Regional Network of Women Parliamentarians

Colombo 25- 27 February 2013

Time	Session	Process
Monday February 25, 2013		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 10:00	**Opening** Welcome Address: *Hon. Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle*, Member of Parliament , Parliament of Sri Lanka Addresses: *Hon. Meher Afroze Chumki*, Member of Parliament, Parliament of Bangladesh Address: *Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena*, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Member of Parliament , Parliament of Sri Lanka Opening Address: *Hon. Minister,Tissa Karalliyadda,* Minister of Child Development and Women Affairs	
10:00 to 10.30	**Setting the Agenda**	Secretariat to present the workshop agenda, review expectations and set out planned outcomes
10.30- 11:00	Tea Break	

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11:00-1:20	**Review of progress on national action plans** Chair: one of the MP focal points	15 minutes for each country presentation (90 minutes for presentation by 6 countries); 30 minutes for discussion Bhutan and Maldives 10 minutes each for presenting future plans
1: 20 to 2:20	Lunch	
2:20-3:40	**Review and approval of regional action plan** Chair: one of the MP focal points	Each country gives feedback 10 minutes—8 countries 1 hour 20 minutes, open discussion and approval in the remaining time
3.40- 4:00	Tea break	
4:00- 5:00	**Managing Regional Network and Collaboration** • Communications • Support by Secretariat/TAF • Making Regional links (SAARC, UN etc) Chair: one of the MP focal points	Open discussion on each of these issues (20 minutes on each issue)

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Tuesday February 26, 2012		
9:00-9:30	Re-cap from the first day and discussion of emerging issues	15 minute re cap and 15 minutes for open discussions
9:30-1:30	**Strengthening women's political participation**	
9:30-10:45	**Presentation and discussion on country experiences of caucus: Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal** Chair: one of the MP focal points	15 minutes for each country and 30 minutes for open discussion; The secretariat will assist MPs in preparing presentations Discussions to focus on lessons to be learned: good practices; what to avoid; how to formalize caucuses
10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00 to 12:45	**Role of Governments and political parties in strengthening women's political participation** • implementation of PROs • Commitment of political parties Chair: one of the MP focal points	Group work- 4 countries in each group, two groups report back; materials prepared ahead on systems in each countries by the secretariat for discussion Plenary discussion to focus on lessons to be learned: good practices; what to avoid; what each country can do to take forward the issues
12:45 to 1:30	**Review of draft statement on women's political participation**	Draft statement prepared ahead will be read out, ask focal points to nominate two MPs to finalize the statement
1:30 to 2:30	Lunch	
2:30-5: 00PM	**Discussion on regional mechanism for cooperation and collaboration** Chair: one of the MP focal points	• Presentation by the secretariat 20 minutes • Group work by the countries (two groups 4 country each) Group work 1 hour • Break in between for 10 minutes • Report back and identification of next steps. Report back remaining time (1 hour); each group 20 minutes and discussion 20 minutes
7 PM	**Conference Dinner**	Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Atrium.

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Wednesday 27 February 2013		
9:00-9:30	Re-cap from the second day and discussion of emerging issues	15 minute re cap and 15 minutes for open discussions
9:30 to 1:30	**Violence Against Women**	
9:30 to 10:30	**Formulation legislation on VAW: Indian, Bangladesh and Sri Lankan experiences** Chair: one of the MP focal points	Each country presents for 15 minutes and discussion during the remaining time Indian presentation by Asmita Basu, a Legal Researcher and Consultant with the Lawyers Collective Women's Rights Initiative
10:30 -10:50	Break	
10:50- 12:40	**Strategizing for implementation of laws on VAW** Chair: one of the MP focal points	Presentation on various country experiences • Prof. Savitri Goonesekere, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Former CEDAW Committee Member,: 30 minutes • Asmita Basu, Legal Researcher and Consultant, The Lawyers Collective Women's Rights Initiative, India: 10 mins Open discussion (11:30 to 12: 00) Identification of country level action (each country makes 2 points and is written down by the facilitators; remaining time 12: 00-12:40)
12:40-1:10	**Election of Spokeswoman**	Discussion on responsibilities of the spokeswoman (15 minutes); and then of election of two spokeswoman from the focal points by those MPs present (ballots will be given MP write down

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1:10 -2:00	Lunch	
2:00-3:00	**Role of MPs in taking forward the UNSC 1325:** Sharing of experience of implementation of NAP and allocation of resources Chair: one of the MP focal points	Nepal presents for 20 minutes then open discussion for the remaining time. Secretariat will be circulating brief write up 1325 and action plan formulation process via email / also in folder Identification of next steps for other countries and regional collaboration
3:40-4:00	Break	
4:00-5:00	**Closing** <u>Master of the Ceremony:</u> Hon. Rose Senanayake, Member of Parliament <u>Closing Statements:</u> Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi Vote of thanks: Secretariat	
5:00-5:30	Press conference	