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Seventh Session of the Committee
on Women and Development

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Draft Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the Seventh Session of CWD

The Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will deliver the welcoming address, followed by remarks from the representatives of AUC, UN Agencies and AfDB. The opening remarks will be delivered by the Chair of the ECA Committee on Women and Development.

2. Adoption of the draft Agenda and the draft Programme of Work

The Agenda and Programme of Work will be presented by the Chairperson, discussed and adopted.

3. Presentation of the Gender, Women in Development Section's Plan and Progress Report of the 2010-2011 Biennium

UNECA will make the presentation which will highlight major achievements for 2010 and the programme of work for 2011 for the subprogramme: Gender and Women in Development (GWID).

4. Presentation of the report on the status of Gender Inequality in Social, Economical and Political Sector: Implication for the implementation and monitoring of relevant international and regional commitments and social protection

UNECA will make the presentation which will explore the status of gender inequalities and social protection based on eight country case studies. A set of policy recommendations on the integration of a gender perspective in social protection policies.

5. Presentation on the five year follow-up strategy for the Beijing + 15 regional review outcomes and related events

UNECA will present the five year forward looking strategies, to facilitate member States' implementation of the key priorities identified as a result of the Beijing + 15 regional review held in Banjul, the Gambia. The presentation will highlight lessons learnt in addressing identified gender equality priorities in the past five years, and propose interventions in seven key areas that, if all opportunities for accelerating gender equality are maximized, will yield significant results in contributing to transforming gender relations and promoting women's empowerment.

6. Presentation of the report - Recent Trends in National Mechanisms for Gender Equality in Africa

UNECA will present the draft report on Recent Trends in National Mechanisms for Gender Equality to the Committee. This study presents a situational analysis of the status of national mechanisms in the 53 member States in Africa over the last five years covering aspects such as the gender architecture, instruments for gender equality, human and financial resources, as well as relationships with other stakeholders.

7. Presentation of the African Women's Human Rights Observatory (AWRO): an e-Resource

This plenary session will address issues pertaining to the streamlining of strategies to effectively generate, manage and use information and data on women's rights with an emphasis on utilizing e-resources.

8. Presentation of the Africa UNITE Campaign on Violence against Women

UN Women will brief the AWC on the campaign to end violence against women which was launched in Africa by the UN Secretary-General and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission. The campaign is a framework within which the UN System can support member States in Africa to consolidate existing initiatives to address different forms of violence against women.

9. Presentation on the Interregional Project: Enhancing capacities to eradicate violence against women

The presentation will focus on the United Nations Development Account project "Enhancing capacities to eradicate violence against women through networking of local knowledge communities". This project is implemented by the five United Nations Regional Commissions, in cooperation with the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD) and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women.

10. Presentation on the e-Network of African Gender Machineries: a Knowledge Platform

This session will present the newly restructured electronic information portal for Africa's Gender Machineries and Mechanisms, the e-Network; a dynamic platform for sharing and exchanging of ideas on gender equality issues in Africa, as well as an information gateway that provide access to contemporary gender equality information that has relevance to their daily work.

11. Overview of emerging issues - Report on 'The 2010 Compendium of Good Practices in Gender Mainstreaming: Women's Role in Conflict Resolution and Peace Building in Africa'

The presentation aims to profile a selected number of good examples and initiatives in the area of women's participation in conflict resolution, post war reconstruction and peacebuilding in Africa, as a way of contributing to ongoing efforts in the field of gender mainstreaming in Africa.

12. Launch of the Multi-Sectoral Approach to Women's Rights in Africa Manual

UN Women, in collaboration with the ACGSD, will launch its publication entitled "Multi-Sectoral Approach to Women's Rights in Africa: A Manual". The manual aims to support countries to adopt and use a framework for integrating women's rights in all sectors for accelerated implementation of CEDAW and the AU Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa.

13. Briefing and experiences sharing by UN Women

This will be a briefing on the mandate, governance structure and strategic plan of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

14. Briefing and experiences sharing: The African Women's Decade: 2010-2020

AU will present the themes and activities of African Women's Decade and expectations of member States in its implementation.

15. Round table discussion on emerging gender issues

The round table will look at the emerging gender issues as a result of social movements, conflict and transition in Africa.

16. Briefing and experiences sharing by RECs

RECs will share experiences on gender equality at the regional level.

17. Briefing and experiences sharing by member States

Member States will share experiences in the areas that are being discussed in the meeting. These will include, Violence Against Women, the status pertaining to national mechanisms and progress on gender equality at national level.

18. Adoption of the report

The CWD Rapporteur will present the report for adoption.