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WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVES
ON UN POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA
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WORKING GROUP
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Moderator: **Julia Marpu Duncan-Cassell**, Liberia

1. There is abuse and violation against girls and women. All forms of violations should be eliminated.
2. The working group wants to support the stand-alone goals for Post MDGs (Millenium Development Goals)
3. NGOs should be empowered to educate the public on the different conventions and protocols.
4. Female leaders and role models in the media need to be encouraged.
5. Poverty is still a challenge. The economic empowerment of women has to be guaranteed. Lives of the women have to be improved.

WORKING GROUP
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY

Moderator: **Andrea Ferrarazzo**, Argentina

1. The main burden of lowering carbon emissions and compensating for the damage lies within the countries with the highest average of carbon emission (in proportion to their population).
2. Damage to biodiversity should be immediately stopped as it is irreversible, while new ways of production compatible with biodiversity should be found and promoted.
3. Natural resources (including water and land) should be managed in a transparent, participatory and accountable way involving all stakeholders particularly the locals.
4. Awareness should be raised about the environmental consequences of our lifestyles and consumption patterns through education and communication for sustainable development and conscious action/efforts to change these should be encouraged and supported.
5. Women's active participation in decision-making in environmental issues at all levels (local, national, regional and international) should be encouraged, facilitated and ensured.

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WORKING GROUP
ERADICATION OF POVERTY

Moderator: **Maryam Dada Ibrahim**, Nigeria

1. Make it easier for women to access loans without collateral: Using intellectual capital to secure loans.
2. The best way to fight poverty is to turn the poor into active producers.
3. Government should provide land for women groups.
4. To use cultural and natural heritage of the community to generate income and to promote cultural identity.
5. To put in place global systems that support intellectual property laws by making special certification and collective marks for local products in order to protect the future of creativity for all, especially women.

WORKING GROUP
HEALTH

Moderator: **Somali Cerise**, USA

1. Recommend adequate investment in health systems and strengthening of infrastructure and development of economic and social policies to respond to health care needs of women and girls.
2. Ensure responsiveness of health systems to physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health needs of women and girls across the lifecycle with attention to all forms of inequities.
3. Recognize the importance of national level implementation and the role of civil society and other relevant bodies in mobilization and in implementation of policies and programs related to women's and girls' health.
4. Ensure the realization of woman's and girls sexual and reproductive health and rights and take proactive measures to raise awareness on their health care needs, as well as the elimination of social and cultural barriers to ensure empowerment of women, girls and communities particularly in relation to comprehensive education and information on sexual and reproductive health.
5. Urge governments to give particular attention to comprehensive health care needs of women, specifically those in relation to non-communicable diseases, mental health and neglected tropical diseases through a life course.

WORKING GROUP

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: **Wajeeha Raoof**, Pakistan

1. To encourage women not to fall into the trap of male hegemony, women should be encouraged, educated and motivated to be part of sustainable economic development. They need to understand that it is essential for them to be in the policy making process.

2. To remove the barriers to enter the labor force market, women should know that they will be provided with equal opportunities and would not face any wage differences because of gender.

3. Governments should take an initiative to create positive discrimination for the sectors that women are more likely to participate in. Government budgeting should be gender sensitive and gender responsible.

4. In the sustainable economic development process, society needs to be aware of the role that women play in the family unit.

5. Sustainable economic development is not possible without the realization of the role that gender plays in the management of scarce resources in the household level. Women need to educate their children to be aware of the scarcity of resources and how to use them wisely.

WORKING GROUP

EDUCATION

Moderator: **Nefin Dinç**, Turkey

1. Inclusive education of parents, schools, NGOs, government agencies, leaders, children with special needs, school owners, specialists, administrators, media, scientists. Intersectoral communication is needed.

2. Global approaches and local implementations. Cultural and traditional networks should be in the process of implementation. Cultural and traditional sensitivities must be respected. The opening of the curriculum for local needs is to be underlined as well. An education that meets the needs of the local society has to be established through the awareness of local necessities and sources.

3. It is important to bring children to school and keep them in school until they graduate. Start as early as possible in cooperation with the family, even starting from pregnancy - (The Right to be educated in their own language)

4. Sexual education both for girls and boys is important.

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PEACE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Moderator: **Christos Nikolas Kyrou**, USA

1. To adopt an integrative approach in regards to gender, governance, institutions and issues.

2. To support women on a basis of meritocracy in order to reduce violent conflict, this is a limiting factor to all other issues including gender and governance.

3. To increase the impact of civil society by creating networks, by identifying and sharing success stories through self-empowerment and by learning best practices from a broad array of organizations and cultures.

4. To promote a worldview that is informed by a gender paradigm, which is inclusive, collaborative and integrative.

5. To promote and strengthen an infrastructure and culture of peace which can sustain the momentum of agreements and peace treaties towards full implementation.