

AFRICA PRE-CONGRESS CONSULTATIVE SESSION, ICC, DURBAN, 19 – 22 APRIL 07

THEME: United in Diversity: Working Together towards the total emancipation of rural women from poverty and hunger

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: AMBASSADOR DUARTE, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

----- ARRIVALS AND REGISTRATION (Thursday, 19 APRIL 2007) -----		
Arrival and Pre-registration	Secretariat	
----- DAY ONE (Friday, 20 APRIL 2007) -----		
SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION		
Registration and Coffee	ALL	08:00-09:00
Welcome and background to the pre Africa Congress	Chairperson	09:00-09:30
Statement by the AU	Chair of AU	09:30- 10:00
Statements by the Regional Economic Forums		10:00- 10:30
Statement by the NEPAD Gender Task Force		10:30- 11:00
Statement by Civil Society		11:00- 11:30
TEA BREAK	ALL	11:30 – 12:00
Concept Note presentation and discussions		12:00 – 13:00
LUNCH	ALL	13.00 14: 30
Plenary Information Sharing on Regional Positions and Statement		14.30 – 15:30
TEA BREAK	ALL	15:30 - 16:00
Discussion on Thematic Areas		16:00 – 17:30
Reception (Minister of Foreign Affairs)	ALL	19:00- 22:00

----- DAY TWO (Saturday, 21 APRIL 2007)-----

**DISCUSSIONS ON THE 5 COMMISSIONS
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: AU COMMISSION**

Reflections on Concept Note (speaker to be identified)		9:00 – 10:00
TEA BREAK	ALL	10.00 – 10.30
Discussion on thematic issues		10.30 – 13:00
LUNCH	ALL	13:00 – 14:00
COMMISSIONS (DISCUSSING THEMATIC AREAS)		14:00 – 1700
Theme 1: Globalisation and eradicating impoverishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Millennium goals – halving poverty by 2015 ▪ New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) ▪ Policy coherence from WSSD to WCRW ▪ Corporate Accountability ▪ Gender budget initiatives ▪ Literacy and education for sustainability ▪ Equitable access to new technologies and media & Increase access to credit 	
Theme 2: Peace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Human Rights and Women’s Human Rights ▪ Security Council Resolution 1325 ▪ Peace education ▪ Non-violent conflict resolution ▪ Violence against women and children ▪ Refugees/Trafficking 	
Theme 3: Governance for rural development at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gender balance by 2014 ▪ Engendering rural development ▪ Participation of marginalized groups ▪ Gender audit/global gender monitoring ▪ Women’s role in environmental and rural governance ▪ Agricultural support programs ▪ Barriers to participation – literacy, poverty, economic empowerment etc. 	

Theme 4: Access to and control of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women's property and land rights ▪ Security of Tenure ▪ Land Restitution ▪ Maputo Declaration ▪ Impact of natural disasters ▪ Biological diversity ▪ Privatization of natural resources 	
Theme 5: Environmental security and health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Change ▪ Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health ▪ HIV/AIDS & other related diseases ▪ Access to Health Care and Women's Health ▪ Maternal and Child Mortality ▪ Drinking water ▪ Waste and toxic substances ▪ Unsafe employment 	
Closed session of Rapporteurs	Rapporteurs	17:00 – 19:00
Dinner	ALL	19:00-22:00

----- DAY THREE (Sunday, 22 APRIL 2007) -----		
DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA STATEMENT TO CONGRESS		
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: NEPAD SECRETARIAT		
Presentation and Discussion of Commission reports	Rapporteurs	9:00 – 12:00
Closed Working Session by Rapporteurs in preparing draft Resolution	Rapporteurs	12:00 -14:00
LUNCH	ALL	12:00-14:00
Adoption of resolution and closure	ALL	14:00 – 16:00
CLOSURE	ALL	16:00