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**Capacity Building for Promoting Gender Equality in Africa and
West Asia Countries**

PROGRAMME OF WORK

**Workshop on
Strengthening the capacity of national machineries through the effective use of ICTs**

Beirut, Lebanon
27 June – 1 July 2005

Monday 27

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| 9.00 | Registration |
| 9:30 | Opening Ceremony |
| 10:15 | Introduction to the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by Facilitators• Presentation by participants and their expectations• Objectives and working methods of workshop• Logistics and housekeeping |
| 11.15 | <i>Break</i> |
| 11.45 | Introduction to key concepts of the workshop |
| 12.14 | Presentation 1: Role of National Mechanisms in the promotion of gender equality (power point presentation) and introduction to institutional web (4 spheres) |
| 13.15 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14.15 | Working Group 1: Identification of issues and gender inequalities in participants' countries |
| 15.15 | <i>Review</i> |
| 16.00 | End of session |

Tuesday 28

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| 9.00 | Presentation 3: Gender and ICT: Problems and stakeholders? |
| 10.00 | Working Group 2: Using ICT to collect, analyse and manage information on gender issues |
| 10.45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 11.00 | How national machineries use ICT: Presentations by 3 countries |
| 13.00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14.15 | Working Group 2: (Practical): Demonstration of ICT tools (email, list serves, internet, etc.) |
| 16.00 | End of session |

Wednesday 29

- 9.00 Presentation 3: “Women and ICT in ESCWA region”
10.00 Working Group 3: Gender critique of national ICT policy
11.00 *Break*
11.15 *Review*
Group work 4: Integration of gender into national ICT policies (per country)
13.15 *Lunch*
14.15 *Review*
15.15 Working Group 5: (practical): Introduction to research and consulting websites
16.30 End of session

Thursday 30

- 9.00 Presentation 4: Gender perspectives in international initiatives
10.30 *Break*
10.45 Group work 6: Integration of ICT into programmes of national machineries (per country)
12.15 *Review*
13.15 *Lunch*
14.15 Working Group 7: (practical): Development of a plan and/or prototype of internet site for national machineries
16.30 End of session

Friday 1

- 9.00 Presentation 5: Integrating gender into the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)
10.00 Review of Working Group 7 (practical)
11.00 *Break*
11.15 Summary of workshop and discussion
12.15 Discussion on modalities of follow-up: network and/or portal for national machineries for gender, discussion lists
12.30