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and the African Centre for Gender and Social Development, Economic Commission for
Africa**

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

**Regional workshop to establish the African e-network for national machineries and
its support mechanisms**

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I. Introduction

The Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) is co-organizing with the African Centre for Gender and Social Development (ACGS), of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), a workshop for representatives from African national machineries for the advancement of women. The regional workshop will take place at the ECA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 5 to 8 December 2006. One national machinery representative per African country will be invited to participate.

The project builds on a series of sub-regional and regional capacity-building and network-building activities undertaken in 2004 and 2005 on strengthening the capacity of national machineries through the effective use of information and communication technologies (ICT). The workshop will introduce participants to the structure and activities of an e-network for national machineries in Africa and its support mechanisms. It will include training for participants on the practical and technical aspects of the e-network.

II. Background

The project has the overall objective to build institutional capacity for promoting gender equality in Africa and West Asia. The current phase of the project focuses on the development of a regional e-network among national machineries in Africa, which aims to enhance the capacity of national machineries of participating countries to take full advantage of ICT to strengthen networking, information sharing and knowledge management.

The Beijing Platform for Action noted that national machineries for the advancement of women have been established

At its forty-seventh session, the Commission adopted agreed conclusions 2003/44 on participation in and access of w

III. Regional workshop to establish the African e-network for national machineries and its support mechanisms

A. Objectives of the workshop

The workshop aims to enhance the institutional capacity of national machineries to effectively use ICT to strengthen their ne

C. Venue and participants

The four-day event will take place at the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The number of participants will be approximately seventy. They will include:

- § One representative from each national machinery (53);
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G. Budget

The Division for the Advancement of Women will make available funds required to cover expenses for the organization of the meeting. This will include the costs of travel and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for