

FINAL AGENDA

9th Meeting of the External Forum on Gender and Development (EFG) Conference Room 4653/54 East, ADB Headquarters, Manila 15–17 October 2008

Background:

The External Forum on Gender and Development (EFG) was established in 2001 to promote and facilitate dialogue between ADB and external groups on gender and development issues. To date, the EFG has met eight times at ADB Headquarters and the corresponding Outcome Documents of the meetings are posted on ADB's website (www.adb.org/Gender/forum.asp).

Of the eleven EFG members with a range of gender and development (GAD) expertise and from within and outside of the region, seven will be attending the 9th Session (see the list of members at the end of Agenda). From ADB, Gender, Social Development and Civil Society Division of Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSGS) will be facilitating the EFG discussion as a secretariat.

Expected Outcomes:

The expected outcomes of the 9th Session are:

- Agreement among EFG members on ways forward (e.g., membership, mode of operations, strategic focus, etc.)
- EFG's recommendations to ADB on improving effectiveness of ADB GAD work
- EFG will prepare a draft outcome document for submission to RSGS at the end of the meeting.

Program:

Wednesday, 15 October

09:00 am *Welcome Remarks*

Ma. Carmela D. Locsin, Deputy Director General, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD)

Introductions, purposes of the meeting and report back on ADB's response to the recommendations in the EFG's 2007 Outcome Document

Robert J. Dobias, Director, RSGS

Greetings from Gender and Social Development Committee

Shireen Lateef, Chair, CoP

09:25 am *Proposed Agenda and Planning*

Sonomi Tanaka, RSGS; Tulin Pulley, Consultant, EFG members

Coffee Break

10:30 am *Briefing by Strategy and Policy Department (SPD) on key strategic issues relevant to GAD:*

- Strategy 2020: The Long-Term Strategic Framework of ADB 2008-2020
- GAD in Asian Development Fund X (2009-2012)
- Development Effectiveness Review and Results Framework

Christopher MacCormac, Deputy Director General, SPD
Shigeko Hattori, SPD

- 12:00 pm *Welcome Lunch* hosted by DDG, RSDD
(with participation of D/RSGS, R. Marianti and S. Subba, and selected RSDD staff)
- 01:30am *Briefings and discussion of recent gender-related developments at ADB:*
- Summary of the GAD Biennial Thematic Report 2006–2007 and Implementation of GAD Plan of Action 2008-2010 by Sonomi Tanaka, RSGS
 - Implementation status of Gender and Development Cooperation Fund by Francesco Tornieri, Social Development Specialist (GAD), RSGS
- 3:00 pm *Strengthening gender equality and women empowerment results – Case Studies from Indonesia and Nepal*
- Indonesia – Ruly Marianti, Gender Specialist, Indonesia Resident Mission
- Coffee break
- 04:00 pm *Video Conference* with Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice President Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development
- 04:45 pm *Strengthening gender equality and women empowerment results – Case Studies from Indonesia and Nepal [Continuation]*
- Nepal – Suman Subba, Gender Specialist, Nepal Resident Mission
- 06:30 pm Bus from Discovery leaves for dinner at Residence of Aurora de Dios.

Thursday, 16 October

- 09:00 am Meeting with ADB's Professional Women's Committee Board and Gender Action Program III
- Coffee break
- 10:30 am *Dialogue with DGs/Directors of East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Pacific Departments* on prospects for implementing the GAD Policy Plan of Action (2008-2010), including resources (introductions by S. Tanaka, RSGS, discussions facilitated and led by EFG Members)
- 12:00 pm Working Lunch with Gender and Social Development Committee on the role of EFG in the era of Strategy 2020 (brainstorming session)
- 01:30 pm *Meeting with Human Resources Division (BPHR) on ADB's Internal Gender Action Plan III and GAD staff issues*
Hyong-Jong Yu, Director, BPHR
Rosario Abad Santos, Head, Policy and Recruitment Planning Unit, BPHR
- (Meeting ends by 2.20 to proceed to another room)
- 02:30 pm *Meeting with Mr. Xiaoyu Zhao, Vice-President (Operations 1)* responsible for South Asia Department, Central and West Asia Department, and Private Sector Operations Department (Venue: 8733E)

- 03:15 pm *Dialogue with DGs/Directors of South Asia and Central/West Asia Departments (under Operations Group1) on prospects for implementing the GAD Policy Plan of Action (2008–2010), including resources*
Introductions by S. Tanaka, RSGS, discussions facilitated and led by EFG Members
- 04:30 pm *Meeting with the Rajat Nag, Managing Director General*
(Venue: 8733E)
- 05:30 pm EFG Working Session
- Discussion on EFG Option Paper and questionnaire responses
 - Any other internal businesses
- 07:30 pm Dinner at Residence, Director, RSGS (pickup from hotel at 7:15 pm)

Friday, 17 October

- 09:00 am *Meeting with Mr. Lawrence Greenwood, Vice-President (Operations 2) responsible for East Asia, Southeast Asia Department, and Pacific Department (Venue: 8733E)*
- 09:45 am EFG Working Session
- 12:00 pm EFG Lunchtime Seminar:
- Supporting Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and Coordinating Regional Activities – A Case of UN ESCAP (Vanessa Griffen)
 - Financing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (Yasuko Muramatsu)
- 01:30 pm EFG Working Session (con’d)
- 04:00 pm EFG feedback to DDG, RSDD, RSGS and Committee
- 04:45 pm Closing remarks by Director, RSGS

List of EFG Members:

Attending:

Andrew Byrnes (Australia)	Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales
Vanessa Griffen (Fiji)	UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Aurora Javate-de Dios (Philippines)	Executive Director, Women and Gender Institute
Khunying Supatra Masdit (Thailand)	Former parliamentarian
Yasuko Muramatsu (Japan)	Chair, Japan Research Center for Gender and Development
Md. Wahidur Rahman (Bangladesh)	Additional Chief Engineer, Administration, Project Monitoring and Evaluation, Local Government Engineering Department
Eugene Ryazanov (Kyrgyz)	Civil Engineer and Business Development Specialist
Wu Qing (PRC)	Chair, Chinese Women’s Health Network

Not attending:

Savitri Goonesekere (Sri Lanka)	Senior Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Colombo
Caren Grown (United States)	Economist-In-Residence, American University, Washington DC
Sumita Notosusanto (Indonesia)	Executive Director, Centre for Electoral Reform (Current Chair)