



**Attachment to the narrative report of the project: “Connect! Central Eastern Europe women for development justice” nr 20179**

**Program of the regional experience exchange meeting**

## **Regional Dialogue Programme**

*Practicing the Promises: Gender equality and Women’s rights in EU  
‘New Member States’ development cooperation*

**Warsaw 12-13, May 2010**

### **Day 1**

**09:00 – 9:15 Registration and coffee**

**09:15 – 09:40 Welcome and introduction**

Content: Introduction to the Regional Dialogue, background to the Connect! project, goals of the event and overview of the programme and materials.

Kinga Lohmann / Marta Gontarska (KARAT) and Carolina Gottardo (OWA)

**09:40 – 10:15 Presentation of participants**

Content: Interactive Introduction of participants and warming up for the following 2 days

Facilitator: Kasia Staszewska (independent consultant)

**10:15 – 11:45 Capacity building I: Introduction to development cooperation, gender equality and women’s rights in the international and EU contexts.**

Content: Presentation of the most important documents, instruments and strategies concerning development cooperation and women’s rights. The presentations will also map challenges and areas for improvement and identify potential entry points for advocacy.



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*Reference Material: Briefing on EU aid and gender by OWA and KARAT Coalition*

Speaker I (international context): Emily Esplen, OWA

Speaker II (EU context): Carolina Gottardo, OWA

11:45 -12:00 Coffee Break

**12:00 – 13:30 Panel I: Challenging development cooperation policies and practices from a women’s rights perspective: Voices from the South, East and West**

**Content:** The discussion aims to reflect on the approaches of women’s rights advocates from the East and South to development cooperation and familiarize participants with the challenges faced in their respective countries.

Introduction: Kinga Lohmann, KARAT

Speakers: Lumba Siyanga (Women for Change, Zambia); Kateryna Levchenko (La Strada, Ukraine), Jilda Ebanoidze (Caucasus Development Group, Georgia)

Facilitation: Carolina Gottardo

13:30 – 14:00 Lunch

**14.00 - 15.30 Capacity Building II: From Brussels to NMS. What does EU development cooperation have in common with us?**

Content: The session will focus on the ‘specific’ context of NMS. The session will present the Polish practice in the aid delivery and strengthen participants’ understanding of policy-making processes in Brussels and policies & practices at the Member States level.

*Reference Material: Briefing on NMS aid and gender by KARAT Coalition and OWA*

Speaker I: Kasia Staszewska, Independent Consultant

Speaker II: Dominik Kopiński, Institute for International Studies, University of Wroclaw

15:30-15.45 Coffee Break





**15:45 – 17:15 Taking development cooperation and women’s rights on board. Institutional and CSO perspective**

**Content:** The session will familiarize participants with gender mainstreaming in the programmes as well as the organisational culture of the International Department for International Development (DFID). It will also sum up the dynamic of introducing development cooperation, gender equality and women’s empowerment to the NMS systems from the CSO perspective.

Speaker I: Simon Williams, Department for International Development, UK

Speaker II: Katarzyna Czarniecka, Development Co-operation Department, Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## Day 2:

**09:00 – 09:15 Welcome to the day 2**

Content: Welcome & re-cap of the Day 1 Presentation of the programme for Day 2

Facilitators: Marta Gontarska and Carolina Gottardo

**09.15 – 10.15 Capacity Building III: Advancing women's rights: Cases from the South and East.**

Content: The session aims to familiarise participants with the work of invited partner organizations to advance women’s rights in their respective countries. The presentations will be structured around the core themes of their work: CEDAW, political participation, advocacy for development effectiveness, women’s refugee rights, gender mainstreaming and sexual & reproductive rights

Speaker I: Kateryna Levchenko, La Strada (Ukraine)

**10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break**

**10:30 - 11:30 Capacity Building III. Continuation**

Speaker I: Ms. Lumba Siyanga, Women for Change (Zambia)

Speaker II: Jilda Ebanoidze, Caucasus Development Group (Georgia)

**11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break**





11.45 – 12.30

**Panel II: Building East-South-West bridges on similar agenda.  
Introduction to the Group Work.**

Content: The panel will open the floor for questions and comments on the presentations of the Capacity Building II. It will introduce participants to different strategies addressing women's rights in development which will be the subjects of the following group work.

Facilitation: Kasia Staszewska

Introduction to the group work: Carolina Gottardo, OWA – Working in Partnerships; Zuzana Jezerska, (Slovak Center for Communication and Development) - development education and public awareness raising, Mila O'Sullivan (Pro Equality Center, Czech Republic) - Advocacy

12.30 -13.30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:45

**Group work: Building bridges on similar agendas. What can we do ?**

Content: The groups will strategize about the best way to take advantage of spaces under national development cooperation policies and practices. The aim is ensure a South and East ownership and a proactive engagement in bringing women's rights into the agenda. Discussion will be structured around participants' core work:

**Building on partnerships**

Facilitated by: Kinga Lohmann, KARAT and Carolina Gottardo, OWA

Resource persons: representatives from the East and South

**Development education and public awareness raising**

Facilitated by: Zuzana Jezerska, Slovak Center for Communication and Development

Resource persons: representatives from the East and South

**Advocacy and challenging the politics from a women's rights perspective**

Facilitated by: Mila O' Sullivan, Pro Equality Center and Ondrej Horky (Czech Republic)

Resource person: Emily Esplen, OWA

15:00 - 15.15

Coffee break

15:15 – 16:45

**Feedback on group work and mapping of policy spaces**

Content: After the working groups report on key observations and recommendations, the facilitator will map accessible policy spaces and forthcoming momentums that can be explored for women's rights advocacy in development.

Facilitator: Carolina Gottardo





**16:45 -17:00 Closing Remarks**

Content: In the closing session, the facilitators will summarise & highlight key lessons & obstacles identified over the last two days. They will also coordinate the evaluation.

Facilitators: Marta Gontarska and Carolina Gottardo

**18:30 - 20:00 Public event in the city of Warsaw**



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