CALL FOR PAPERS

Violence against Women

Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2011

Within the framework of UNESCO’s actions to combat violence against women and enhance women’s rights and empowerment, and building on its central objective of promoting research that supports evidence-based decision-making, the Social and Human Sciences Sector in collaboration with the University of Hull (United Kingdom), is currently undertaking a program of research on men and violence against women, gendered poverty and legal-socio-cultural factors influencing women’s access to freshwater.

The aim of this program of research is to develop policy recommendations on violence against women, and more specifically men and violence against women, gendered poverty and women’s access to fresh water. The second in this series of research meetings will be held in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo) in 2011 (exact dates will be communicated later). It will build upon the success of the previous meeting, held in Pretoria (South Africa) in August 2007 on ‘Women’s Rights for Peace and Security in post-Conflict Democracies in sub-Saharan Africa’, which formed the basis for a productive dialogue with Ministers at the Forum of Ministers of Women’s Affairs of the Great Lakes Region in Mombasa (Kenya) in 2009, and for a series of policy papers and policy briefs, now available on the UNESCO website.

Terms of reference

For the meeting in Kinshasa, researchers specializing in gender-based violence (GBV) are invited by UNESCO to prepare papers on the following research themes, situated within the framework of UNESCO’s actions in favor of women living in post-conflict situations:

Men and violence against women

(i) male perceptions of gender-based violence,
(ii) why men commit violence against women,
(iii) working with perpetrators of violence,
(iv) experiences of involving men in campaigns against GBV and
(v) reconfiguring masculinities

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Gendered poverty and access to freshwater

(i) analysis of gendered poverty and its causes, including recommendations for poverty reduction strategy papers, especially in post-conflict situations
(ii) obstacles to women’s access to fresh water and other productive resources including men’s controls, government policies, legislative frameworks, and cultural constraints
(iii) gendered poverty and access to fresh water perceived as violence against women
(iv) the links between poverty, gender and violence against women

Papers may take the form of accounts of original research, reviews of literature, or accounts/reviews of policy and practice. To meet UNESCO’s objective of promoting evidence-based policy-making, all papers should have a strong policy focus and must present concrete recommendations to policy- and decision-makers, both governmental and non-governmental, and specific steps to make them operational.

The meeting will be concerned primarily with countries in the Great Lakes region, but relevant papers which deal with other African and/or ISESCO (Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) countries or take a comparative focus on these issues in post-conflict situations will be welcome, particularly if their recommendations are applicable to the Great Lakes region.

Draft research papers will be presented and discussed at a two/three day UNESCO-organized meeting to be held in Kinshasa (precise dates to be confirmed later). Participants must also submit a policy brief of between two and five pages summarising the main points of the research papers and itemising key policy recommendations. The primary objectives of the meeting will be to present and discuss draft research papers, exchange views, and provide recommendations for improving the draft papers and policy briefs. To facilitate the maximum exchange of views, participation will be restricted to about twelve presenters.

Abstracts of no more than 500 words, in English or French, should be submitted for review to UNESCO to gender.SHS@unesco.org no later than 30 September 2010. Contributors will be informed whether their paper has been accepted as soon as possible after this date.

In order to ensure timely circulation to all participants, first drafts of research papers accepted must be submitted to UNESCO no later than 15 December 2010.

Research papers must be original and should not have been published, or submitted elsewhere for publication. They should be between 7,000 and 10,000 words in length and may be submitted preferably in English, or in French. More detailed requirements will be circulated later.

The policy briefs will be presented to the fourth Forum of Ministers of Women’s Affairs of the Great Lakes region, to be held in 2011. A small number of participants from the
research meeting will be invited to attend the Forum and to engage in a policy dialogue with Ministers.

Following the research meeting, research papers will be submitted to referees for evaluation. Participants will be invited to make any revisions suggested, with a view to publication of the papers online, in book format, or in a journal. Papers may also be used in elaborating UNESCO’s Social and Human Science activities in post-conflict areas in Africa. Participants will also be asked to revise policy briefs for publication on the UNESCO website.

Programme organizers/editors reserve the right to change manuscripts to ensure conformity with house style, to adhere to recommended word lengths, to improve accuracy, to eliminate mistakes and ambiguity and to respect political considerations.

UNESCO, in accordance with its standard operating procedures, will provide around trip economy-priced ticket and daily subsistence allowances for researchers to attend the research meeting. Researchers chosen to attend the Forum of Ministers in 2011 will have costs met similarly.
ANNEX:

ISESCO Countries (Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization)

1- Azerbaijan
2- Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
3- Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
4- United Arab Emirates
5- Republic of Indonesia
6- Islamic Republic of Iran
7- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
8- Kingdom of Bahrain
9- Brunei Darussalam
10- People's Republic of Bangladesh
11- Republic of Benin
12- Burkina Faso
13- Republic of Tajikistan
14- Republic of Chad
15- Togolese Republic
16- Tunisian Republic
17- People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
18- Republic of Djibouti
19- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
20- Republic of the Sudan
21- Republic of Suriname
22- Syrian Arab Republic
23- Republic of Sierra Leone
24- Republic of Senegal
25- Republic of Somalia
26- Republic of Iraq
27- Sultanate of Oman
28- Gabon
29- Republic of the Gambia
30- Republic of Guinea
31- Republic of Guinea-Bissau
32- Palestine
33- Republic of Kazakhstan
34- State of Qatar
35- Union of the Comoros
36- Kyrgyz Republic
37- Republic of Cameroon
38- Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
39- State of Kuwait
40- Republic of Lebanon
41- Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
42- Republic of Maldives
43- Republic of Mali
44- Malaysia
45- Arab Republic of Egypt
46- Kingdom of Morocco
47- Islamic Republic of Mauritania
48- Republic of Niger
49- Federal Republic of Nigeria
50- Republic of Yemen