**Draft Program**
**WOMEN, NEW ICTs and SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION**

**AGENDA**

**DAY ONE: Friday 1 July 2005**

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| **8.30 a. m. – 9.30 a. m.** | **Welcome Address/Chairperson's Address/Goodwill Messages** |
| **9.30 a. m. – 9.45 a. m.** | **Keynote Address** |
| **9.45 a. m. – 10.30 a. m.** | **Panel Session on the Status of Women in the Information Society Questions, Comments and Suggestions** |
| **10.30 a. m. – 11.00 a. m.** | **Tea /Coffee Break** |
| **11.00 a. m – 1.30.00p.m** | **New ICTs: Opportunities for Women's Socio-Economic Transformation**<br><br>**Gendered Access to Appropriate and Timely Information: The Key to Women's Socio-Economic Transformation and Participation in the Decision Making Process**<br><br>**Mediated Access: the Bridge to Women's Participation in the Knowledge Economy**<br><br>**Questions, Comments/Suggestions** |
| **1.30 p. m. - 2.30 p. m.** | **Lunch Break** |
| **2.30 p. m. – 4.00 p. m.** | **Innovative Approaches to Bridging the Gender Digital Divide**<br><br>**Enhancing Women's Access to, Relevant Knowledge and Participation in the Information Society** |

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| **4.00 p. m. - .4. 15 p. m.** | **Tea/Coffee Break** |
| **4. 15 p. m. – 6.00 p. m.** | **Efficient Energy and the Possibilities in an Inclusive Information Society**<br><br>**Questions, Comments/ Suggestions** |

**DAY TWO: SATURDAY 2 JULY 2005**

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| **9.00 a. m. – 11.00 a. m.** | **Practical Sessions**<br><br>**Questions, Comments/ Suggestions** |
| **11.00 a. m. – 11.30 a. m.** | **Tea/Coffee Break** |
| **11.30 a. m. – 1.30 p. m.** | **Women's Indigenous Knowledge Resources, Knowledge Economies and Socio-Economic Transformation**<br><br>**Building Rural Knowledge Economies: The Challenge for Development Practitioners**<br><br>**The Interconnections Between New ICTs and Rural Development**<br><br>**Rural Access in Africa: A Myth or Reality?**<br><br>**African Women in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and Development for Rural Women in Africa**<br><br>**The Interconnections between Agricultural Development, Productivity and New ICTs**<br><br>**The Case for Rural Women's Agricultural Information Centers**<br>**Questions, Comments/Suggestions** |

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| **1.30 p. m. – 2.30 p.m.** | **Lunch** |
| **2.30 p. m. – 4.00 p. m** | **Information Communication Technologies for Women's Equality: Access and 'Empowerment' Issues** |
| | **ICTs as a Tool for Enhancing Women's capabilities"** |
| | **Participation and Access of Women to New Information and Communication Technologies** |
| | **Access to Appropriate Information: Opportunities for Women's Political Empowerment and Participation** |
| | **Questions, Comments/Suggestions** |
| **4.00 p. m. – 4.15 p. m.** | **Tea Break** |
| **4.15 p. m. – 6.00 p. m.** | **New ICTs as tools for Combating the Rising Incidence of Trafficking in Women and Girls** |
| | **New ICTs as tools for improved Women's Healthcare** |
| | **Questions, Comments/Suggestions** |

**DAY THREE: SUNDAY 3 JULY 2005**

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| **9.00 a. m. – 11.00 a. m.** | **Practical Sessions on** |
| **.** | **Advocacy for access and Participation** |
| | **Capacity Building for ICT-enabled Micro-enterprises** |
| | **Questions, Comments/Suggestions** |
| **11.00 a. m. – 11.30 a. m.** | **Tea Break** |

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| **11.30 a. m. – 1.30.00 p. m.** | **Breakout sessions** |
| | **Role Play on Advocacy** |
| | **Focused Group Discussions on Strategies for Inclusion** |
| | **Inaugurating the African Women's Network on ICT for Development** |
| | **Drafting the African Women's Network on ICT for Development Constitution** |
| | **Drafting the African Women's Network on ICT for Development Position on Women's Access and Participation in the Information Society** |
| | **Questions, Comments/Suggestions** |
| **1.30 p. m. – 2.30 p.m.** | **Lunch Break** |
| **2.30 p. m. – 4.00 p. m.** | **Women in ICT - Success Stories** |
| | **Closing the Gap: A Gendered Information Society is Possible Questions, Comments/Suggestions** |
| **4.00 p. m. – 4.15 p. m.** | **Tea Break** |
| **4.15 p. m. – 6.00 p. m.** | **Exhibition** |