



world summit
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gender caucus

WSIS Gender Caucus National Gender Programmes

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WSIS Gender Caucus

The WSIS Gender Caucus is a multi-stakeholder group consisting of women and men from national governments, civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and the United Nations system.

The strategic objective of the WSIS Gender Caucus is to ensure that gender equality and women's rights are integrated into WSIS and its outcome processes.

Main Programmes of the WSIS Gender Caucus

- Advocacy and lobbying
- Electronic Networking
- Research and materials development
- Capacity building and training
- Summit Events planning
- CS Bureau (Gender Focal Point)
- Regional groups

Organization and Governance of the WSIS Gender Caucus

- Steering Committee consisting of 13 Members

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- Leadership team consisting individuals from academic organizations, NGOs and the ITU responsible for each programme area

Key Recommendations of the Gender Caucus

- Acknowledgment of gender equality and women's rights as a cross-cutting principle in the Declaration and Action Plan
- Inclusion of women as leaders and decision-makers in all planning processes for the Summit and
- Aligning Summit outcomes with the with the Millennium Development Goals;

Key Recommendations of the Gender Caucus

- Facilitating and encouraging women as official national delegates and representatives of civil society (30% women including gender and ICT experts)
- Taking women's needs into account in design of ICT projects, for example, by developing technology solutions suited to rural women, women in conflict areas, and applications that assist with the HIV/AIDS pandemic;

Key Recommendations of the Gender Caucus

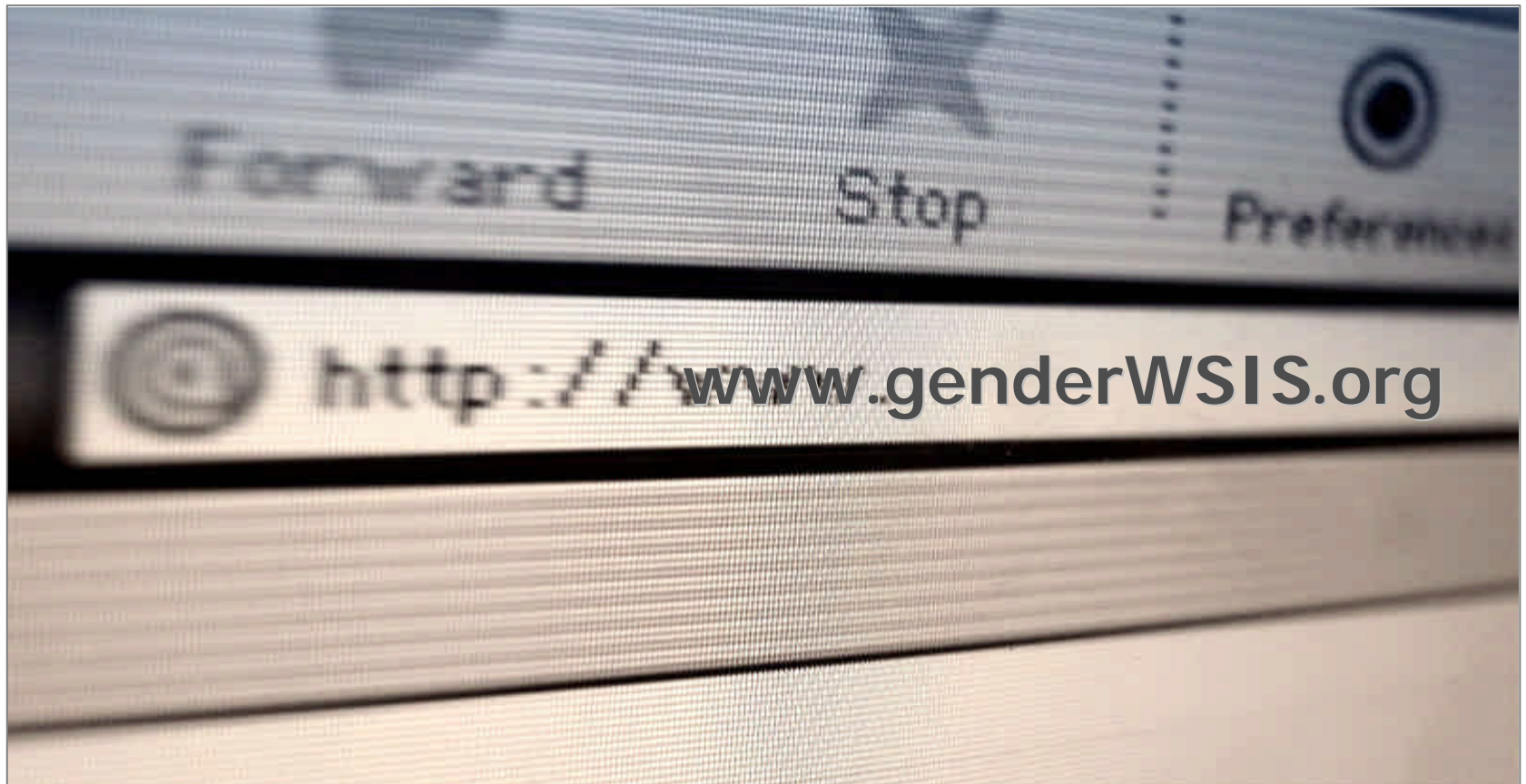
- Developing projects that will collect and analyze, appropriate gender specific data and reporting mechanisms to evaluate and monitor the impact of ICT developments on women and girls;
- Implementing an information dissemination campaign that includes a wide range of media such as radio, drama and print in a variety of languages.

Key Recommendations of the Gender Caucus

- Commissioning a study on the interaction between gender equality and ICT, which should include development of a gender equality and ICT baseline indicators, conceptual tools and case studies on the impact of ICT on achieving gender equality, and using this to inform the dialogue of the Summit and its outcomes.

WSIS Gender Caucus

New Website:



National Programmes

- Opportunity for national level action and government commitments to ensure integration of gender perspectives into each Information Society
- The most important and powerful way to influence the process and include gender perspectives in a substantial way - in our own countries.
- Vehicle for enabling gender equality advocates to create opportunities for themselves and others

National Programmes

- Effective preparation for international level negotiations through action at the national level
- Movement to help realize the potential of the information society nationally

Why a Sourcebook?

- Support for national level gender advocates
- Framework for transferring regional and international process information to local level
- Framework for logistical coordination and tracking of progress

Introduction

1. Background
2. WSIS Timeline
3. The Case for Gender Involvement in ICTs
4. Gender Equality Advocates in the WSIS Process

Creating a National Gender Programme

1. Putting Together a Team
2. Setting Goals and Developing a Plan
3. Fundraising
4. Connecting with Your Government
5. Holding a National Workshop
6. Developing a Gender Declaration

Creating a National Gender Programme

7. Participation on and Collaboration with Government Delegations
8. Communicating Effectively
9. Connecting with the Global Process
10. Using the Summit to Grow the National Information Society

National Gender Programmes in Progress

Examples of existing National Gender
Programmes:

- **Austria**
- **Canada**
- **Malawi**
- **South Africa**
- **United Kingdom**



Invitation to Members of WGGI

**Opportunity to
Partner with the
WSIS Gender
Caucus on National
Gender
Programmes for
the World Summit
on Information
Society**



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Partnering with the Caucus on National Gender Programmes

The Gender Caucus will provide further support to national and regional level organizers in:

- **Identifying** partners and **providing assistance** for organizing training and capacity building
- **Providing** relevant materials and document templates (such as project proposal templates)
- **Presenting** the best proposals received to potential funders
- **Featuring** the most effective programme plans on the Gender Caucus website

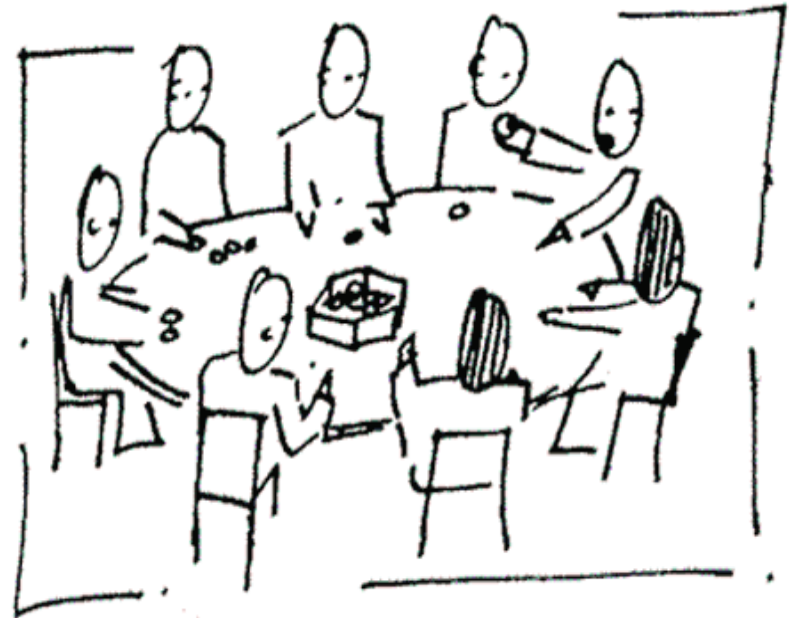
Partnering with the Gender Caucus on National Gender Programmes

Benefits to the ITU Working Group on Gender Issues

- Concrete Intersessional activity
- Increase visibility of the WGGI in your country
- Direct involvement in national WSIS preparation
- Exposure to talented pool of HR for Telcos
- Facilitating interaction between telco companies, regulators and stakeholders in the shaping of IS
- Aligning with Corporate Social Responsibility Objectives

Partnering with the Gender Caucus on National Gender Programmes

- Regional and Sub-regional capacity building workshops
 - > Southern Africa Region Workshop to be held late July 2003 in Malawi
- National Workshops and National Programmes



- > Serbia and Montenegro Roundtable

Thank You!

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