

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY CAUCUS MEETING

10:00 am
August 15, 2006
Conference Room 8

Introductions

Lydia- We need to split the event into two parts – one to inform about article 6, one about future. Once we're back in our countries, how will we ensure the convention will be implemented on how we women want it?

Mi-Joo- we need to focus on twin track approach. We have different views from chair, especially about reproductive rights.

Sigrid - It's important to reflect on discussion about women's issues. We need to listen at plenary about what is said about women issues. Reflection of discussion should be first part of side event

Dinah- there's agreement on this that the first part of the side event is to inform others about article 6 and twin track approach briefly. Then reflect on discussion from tomorrow meeting. Then continue.

Mi-Joo- will women's issues even be tomorrow morning due to delay?

Why?

Mi-Joo- monitoring is still continuing this morning. Maybe we'll have to move.

Dinah – we have to pay attention tomorrow. We also need moderator for Thursday. There's a chance that moderator will be Lydia.

Ms. Lee– we discussed enough of article 6. On Wednesday, we need to focus on TWIN TRACK APPROACH. If possible, we need to consider what the next plan is after the convention.

Heba – asks for clarification; are we going to split time between WIDC time and Arab organization? We only need half hour. This will make our work look connected. We have no problem ~ what do you think? It's going to be an open session tomorrow, but I wonder what we're going to be for back up position. We are all for Twin Track Approach. We should put all our efforts. We managed to win over all Arab countries, but still worried if we have EU and some others against Twin Track Approach~ what are we going to fall back on? As WIDC, we should see if we could do something about that.

Lydia – firstly, the spit should not be between org, but in themes. One part is current, one is future. As to back up position, we should discuss not only there, but already among us, maybe

even today. About Twin Track Approach~ if we talk about Twin Track Approach, we have to talk about basis of it, which is article 6. Is article 6, the way currently presented; is that the one that gives us legal basis for real Twin Track Approach? I think not. It's only mentioning women. It's not strong legal definition. On Twin Track Approach, I already see others, even EU, shifting into an "ok" about having article 6. We need to see what articles we want to fight for. Be ready to fight together. We need to agree together. Which are the most fundamental articles that'll help us women? We need to be prepared to tackle the main opposing argument which is, that every time women are mentioned in this convention, we'll benefit more than men.

Mi-Joo – we want to hear Arab women with disabilities' voice in the side event. I mean, Arab women with disabilities conference were historic event, and we want to hear your voice.

Heba – we'll talk about the Arab conference, the future plan, and maybe we could put that at end of presentation, which is the shift of the future of what we're going to do as women. And the action plan. And how we connect it to Arab conference to this convention and to what currently is happening.

Jahadha – Tina could participate with us, to give feedback about issues about Arab women with disabilities

Sigrid– I'm not too pessimistic about Twin Track Approach. We had conversation with EU, and it was quite positive. About back up plan, we shouldn't talk about it now because of the fear that some government would see it and think that WIDC is content with only stand-alone article. We should go only for Twin Track Approach for now. We should decide which articles that refer to women are crucial for us. They are negotiating that now. Oh~ we don't need that, we need this. We need to see which references in specific articles are crucial for us, and how we could find strong arguments for them.

Lydia - I agree that it's the way we present it. We say, we don't bargain.

Mi-Joo- this is 10:47, so we should speed up. We have to move before 11.

Dinah – we agreed on main points on which we want to present at side event. We need to decide on speakers, who's going to talk on Twin Track Approach, on reflection of discussion of plenary. Short intro of Twin Track Approach and reflection of discussion of plenary. I suggest Sigrid and Sabine.

Dinah – with have to report on this in side event.

Heba – who will talk about Twin Track Approach?

Sigrid– I leave on Thursday at 2 pm. I could speak at beginning and say goodbye. What I could do is talk about Twin Track Approach, but don't have time to talk of discussion

Lydia – From yahoo discussion, I realized that it helps when women speak on why they want women want to be mentioned. We all know, but governments don't so this is really important for

women to speak at side event, for example, Tina speak on legal capacity on women, and I'll ask her to come with few examples. Kiki wanted to talk about how important it will be to have convention for blind women. Maybe we could select 5-6 women for all that.

Heba – we have time for all that?

Lydia – we should do it, as case study for why Twin Track Approach is needed. We should show that there is link to articles (i.e. // Kiki say something on education), and that it's linked to it. I think it should not last more than 15 min (Twin Track Approach PLUS these women's stories).

Dinah – we have to make time table. Probably, good if a Korean women talk about reproductive rights

Mi-Joo- we already talked about it on Sunday afternoon, about future of convention. We want to bring an example. If you guys don't mind, we spoke with two women in disabilities from Korea, and we'd love to include it as part of what Lydia suggested.

Sigrid– since I don't have much time on Thursday, I suggest that I begin short intro about Twin Track Approach for 5 minutes, then situation of women. Then I have to go

Dinah – when do we want reflection of plenary?

Sabine – we need to open discussion as well.

Dinah – we pass to Arab women, at end, we go to future.

Sabine– The way I understand it is, Sigrid starts with short intro of Twin Track Approach. Then personal description of women. Then I'll make short review of discussion of plenary. Would it not be a good idea to open discussion of workshop? One side – what we need, two side- that's happening. We need to connect with audience.

Dinah – the Arab conference and situation of Arab women is connected to the examples of women. I would suggest that first individual give her example, then situation of Arab women. Situation of Arab women is / can be applied all over world. Then go over to future. Then have discussion.

Heba – where are reflection?

Dinah – oh~

Lydia - Twin Track Approach, human rights council approach with girls and women with disabilities, intro with Sigrid, reflection of plenary by Sabine , Twin Track Approach short case studies by individual women Mi-Joo and Tina) then I suggest we move to YOUR (skinny next to Heba) event, and then have discussion. There will be someone from CEDAW~ how can we inform others in monitoring of? We could bring up questions, and then have discussion about how they can be applied in future? Also, Mi-Joo wants to bring a Korean person for intro as well.

Can you say who she is? Hyang Sook Jang – member of Korean parliament. Maybe she could open?

Mi-Joo – maybe three minutes.

Lydia – maximum.

Mi-Joo- please consider translation time.

Heba – in case studies?

Ms. Lee– how many speakers in the 45 minutes in the side event?

Dinah and Lydia– we are making the time table right now.

Lydia – time table? Ok

Madame Jang – 3 minutes

Translation for Madame Jang – 3 minutes

Sigrid on Twin Track Approach– 5

Reflection – 3 minutes

Short case studies – 3 speakers ~15 min all together

I think we need 4 mins for questions

Then we'll have ½ hour.

½ for Arab organization

Then 45 minutes for discussion .

I foresee that we need 15 minutes for first part. It's doable. The stricter I am at the beginning, the more time we have at end.

Mi-Joo – we have to imagine some women with disabilities suddenly raise their issues.

Lydia – every time a woman brings her story, I'll ask how it'll be applied to future.

Heba – we have ½ hr to talk about Arab women and the conference.

Lydia – what about lunch?

Mi-Joo – I'll tell you later

Heba – who are case studies?

One Korean representative, Tina, and Kiki.

Dinah – we should decide which ones we're going to bring forward. Tina legal capacity, Kiki education, and we need something for reproductive rights.

Lydia - We have to link it to articles. Dinah for reproductive rights?

Dinah – did we miss anything? Education, legal capacity, violence?

Lydia – could Korean woman speak about violence?

Mi-Joo – we have to discuss. Sexual and family violence would be good to talk about, but we need to talk amongst ourselves.

Mi-Joo – I'm afraid about the fact that they're nothing about article 6. Sigrid, in Twin Track Approach, please mention article 6.

Sigrid– of course, It belongs to Twin Track Approach.

Heba – who will direct people to talk about future? Lydia? Yes.

Dinah – she'll ask women how they want the future to be.

Lydia – if we have three statements, then each time, we could come back every time. How are we going to lobby government, etc. the danger post conference is, we go home, and government here have more knowledge about social model, but back at home will be same medical model. How will we take care to be persons that government put forward to put into int'l monitoring committee? They go to disabilities committees which are male. We need to discuss strategies, Empowerment, lobbying

Lydia – we need to put out a large sheet on how to get to yahoo list.

Mi-Joo – we'll print it out and give it to you, Lydia. Also, we need to make an appointment after this meeting on when we will all convene again.

Dinah – we have to go into plenary.

Sabine – are we doing intervention?

Mi-Joo – maybe this afternoon, we can make appointment.

Lydia – we need to listen and react. The time to make a statement is passed.

Sigrid- Question about if they're going to even discuss it tomorrow. They're still on monitoring! Maybe we should meet tonight after plenary.

Lydia – I can't I have steering committee

Sigrid - 5 ? where? Cafeteria, then we'll look for a room.