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**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA**

**Fourth Meeting of the Africa Regional Co-ordinating  
Committee for the Integration of Women in Development**

**Addis Ababa, 11-13 April 1983**

**AIDE-MEMOIRE**

FOURTH MEETING OF THE AFRICA REGIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE  
FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT  
ADDIS ABABA, 11-13 APRIL 1983

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1. Background and general information

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, through the African Training and Research Centre for Women, is organizing the Fourth Meeting of the Africa Regional Co-ordinating Committee for the Integration of Women in Development.

The major functions of the Committee are spelt out in resolution 365(XIV) of the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of ECA held in Rabat in March 1979 as follows:

- (i) To harmonize and co-ordinate the subregional programmes approved within the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres;
- (ii) To evaluate and implement work programmes, bearing in mind the availability of resources and to oversee the implementation of work programmes;
- (iii) To organize the exchange of information and experiences;
- (iv) To participate in the activities and meetings of the United Nations and other relevant organizations;
- (v) To mobilize resources for the implementation of programmes agreed at the regional and subregional levels;
- (vi) To review and evaluate activities carried out in the region in the framework of programmes for the advancement of women;
- (vii) To convene every three years, the Africa Regional Conference on Women and Development.

2. Objectives of the Meeting

The objectives of the meeting are:

- To review progress and problems faced by the African Training and Research Centre for Women in implementing the ECA Work Programme and Priorities for 1982-1983 with special reference to resolutions passed by the Third Meeting of ARCC and the Eighth Meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers.

- To review progress made in the implementation of the women's programmes of the MULPOCs as approved by the respective Subregional Committees and ministerial organs.
- To finalize plans for holding the Third Conference for the Integration of Women in Development in 1984.

### 3. Sponsorship

The Fourth Meeting of ARCC will be sponsored by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa through the African Training and Research Centre for Women.

### 4. Attendance

#### (a) Delegations

Delegations will be composed of the bureaux of the Subregional Committees from the five MULPOCs as follows:

Gisenyi MULPOC	- Rwanda, Zaire, Burundi
Niamey MULPOC	- The Gambia, Mali, Ghana
Yaounde MULPOC	- United Republic of Cameroon, Congo, Central Africa Republic
Lusaka MULPOC	- Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique
Tangier MULPOC	- Tunisia, Sudan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

#### (b) Observers

Observers will be invited from United Nations bodies and agencies, donor agencies supporting ATRCW and the Pan-African Women's Organization.

### 5. Deadline

The names and addresses of participants must reach ECA no later than 25 March 1983.

### 6. Financial arrangements

#### (a) The following expenses will be borne by ECA

- Round trip economy air tickets for participants by the most direct route between the country of origin and the venue of the meeting;

- Daily subsistence allowance for participants to cover hotel costs, at the official United Nations rate;

- Secretariat costs; interpretation costs.

(b) ECA will not, however, be responsible for the following

- Salary and benefits of participants during the meeting;

- Compensation in the event of death or disability arising during travel;

- Loss of or damage to participants' property during the meeting or round trip travel;

- Travel, insurance, medical and hospitalization expenses incurred in connexion with participation in the meeting.

## 7. Documents

The following working papers and background documents will be sent to participants:

(a) Working papers

(i) Report of ATRCW activities in relation to the ECA 1982-1983 Work Programme and Priorities;

(ii) Annual reports of the activities of the bureaux of the Subregional Committees for the Integration of Women in Development;

(iii) Institutional framework governing relations between the various organs established to promote the integration of women in development;

(iv) Provisional agenda of the Third Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Development.

(b) Background documents

- Report of the Inaugural Meeting of the Africa Regional Co-ordinating Committee;

- Report of the Third meeting of the Africa Regional Co-ordinating Committee;

- Report of the Regional Seminar on National Machineries for the Integration of Women in Development;

- Reports of the Third Meeting of the Subregional Committee for the Integration of Women in Development.

8. Languages

The official working languages will be English and French.

9. Correspondence

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