

Women's Human Rights Education in Africa

Ad-hoc expert group meeting in Ouagadougou to review Western Africa Sub-regional Outlook and Best Practices.

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In the framework of implementing the United Nations New Agenda for Development in Africa/Special Initiative for Africa, ACW has undertaken to prepare a sub-regional outlook on women's human rights education practices in west Africa, in partnership with ECA's Sub-regional Development Centers Co-ordination Unit (SRD-CU), West African Sub-regional Development Center and the Pan African Institute for Development, West Africa.

This outlook and best practices are based on four case studies prepared by national experts from selected countries within the sub-region. The synthesis report will be reviewed and finalized by an ad-hoc expert group meeting due to be held from 18 to 20 December in Burkina Faso.

The specific goals of the this meeting will also be to:

- discuss and exchange experiences on what and how countries in the sub-region are doing to implement the Plan of Action of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004), with special focus on women's human rights;
- promote innovative human rights literacy projects and programmes for women;
- provide information and analysis on women's human rights education in order to help build the capacity of policy makers, development specialists, education experts and all those who endeavor to empower African women through human rights education;
- determine the extent to which capacity building has been undertaken to promote the inclusion of women's rights education in the curricula of both formal / informal educational systems and adult education; and
- encourage partnerships, horizontal networking, consensus-building and dialogue among stakeholders.

The two-day meeting will bring together education policy makers, development specialists, education experts and non-governmental and civil society participants to review successful designs for increasing the impact of women's human rights programmes..

The expected outcome of the meeting is to complete, consolidate and disseminate the findings of the synthesis report on "Women's rights education in Africa: Western Africa Sub-regional Outlook and Best

Practices", and identify the adequate local and national strategies for capacity building activities in the field of human rights education with a special emphasis on women .
