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**INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
OFFICE OF THE RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN**

**Agenda for Meeting of Experts:  
*An Analysis of Access to Justice for Women  
in the English-Speaking Caribbean Countries***

**Courtleigh Hotel & Suites  
Kingston Jamaica  
September 29 – 30, 2005**

**Thursday, 29 September 2005**

**8:30 – 9:00AM      *Registration of participants***

**9:00 – 10:00AM      *Opening Session and Context***

**Topic:** This session will discuss the objectives and structure of the meeting.

- Clare K. Roberts, President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Jacqueline Sealy-Burke, Director of Grenada Legal Aid Clinic, Collaborator with UNIFEM
- Faith Webster, Acting Executive Director, Bureau of Women's Affairs – Jamaica
- Joan C. Neil, Director, OAS Office, Jamaica

**10:00 – 11:30 AM      *Access to Justice when Women are Victims of Violence***

**Topic:** This panel will discuss the main achievements and challenges in this area, the best practices and lessons learned, as well as recommendations that the IACHR and the Rapporteurship can make to Member States of the OAS to improve the situation.

**Panelists:**

- Justice Rumelia Dalphinis-King , Family Court OECS, St. Lucia
- Aziza Ahmed, DAWN Caribbean
- Sheila Roseau, Executive Director of Directorate of Gender Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda
- Antoinette Moore, Attorney-at-Law, Belize
- Joyce Hewett, Coordinator- Public Education /Legal Reform Woman Inc., Jamaica
- Judith Thompson, Office of The Attorney General, The Bahamas
- Francine Foster, Senior Associate, Ciboney Chambers, In-House Lawyer, Grenada Legal Aid and Counselling Clinic
- Justice Almarie – Sinclair Haynes, Supreme Court of Jamaica

**Moderator: Faith Webster, Acting Executive Director, Bureau of Women's Affairs – Jamaica**

**11:30 – 12:00 PM** *Break*

**12:00 – 1:00 PM** *Use of the Inter- American System to Improve Access to Justice for Women*

**Topic:** This panel will discuss the lessons learned, best practices and main challenges in the use and functioning of the Inter-American System of human rights and its mechanisms to improve access to justice for women. It will also offer reflections and recommendations about the role and work of the IACHR and the Rapporteurship in this area.

**Panelists:**

- Clare K. Roberts, President of the IACHR
- Rosa Celorio, Attorney-Adviser, Special Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, IACHR
- Candis Hamilton, Attorney, IACHR

**Moderator: Clare K. Roberts, President of the IACHR**

**1:00 – 2:00 PM** *Lunch*

**2:00 – 3:30 PM**

***Review of Access to Justice from a Multisectoral Perspective***

**Topic:** This panel will discuss the main achievements and challenges in adopting an integrated and multi-disciplinary approach to eliminate violence against women and discrimination, including different sectors such as health, education and justice. The panel will also expand on the relationship between access to justice and social and economic development. It will also identify priorities and recommendations that can be included in the report of the Rapporteurship on access to justice.

**Panelists:**

- Rosalyn Hazelle, Ambassador Plenipotentiary Ministry of Industry and Commerce, St. Kitts and Nevis
- Carol Fonseca, Director Women's Department, Ministry of Human Development, Belize
- Jacqueline Sealy-Burke, Director of Grenada Legal Aid Clinic
- Phedra Rahming, Bureau of Women's Affairs, The Bahamas
- Nancy Anderson, Legal Officer at the Independent Jamaican Council for Human Rights, Jamaica

**Moderator: Jacqueline Cornelius, Coalition Against All Forms of Sexual Harassment, Barbados**

**4:00 – 5:30PM**

***Gender Mainstreaming in the Administration of Justice***

**Topic:** The panelists will share their experience with the response of the justice sector to cases addressing the rights of women, such as those involving violence. They will also offer their perspective about gender discrimination in the justice system and strategies that can work to eliminate these socio-cultural patterns.

**Panelists:**

- Justice Peter Williams, Court of Appeals, Barbados
- Justice Denys Barrow, Justice of Appeal, Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeals
- Hazel Thompson-Ahye - Senior Tutor at the Eugene Dupuch Law School In The Bahamas
- Kayla Greene, Office of The Attorney General, The Bahamas

**Moderator: Clare K. Roberts, President of the IACHR**

**5:30 – 6:00 PM**      ***Reflections by the Participants on the First Day***  
**Moderators: Rosa Celorio and Candis Hamilton**

**Friday, 30 September 2005**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM**      ***Findings and Lessons Learned from Studies About Gender, Justice and Human Rights Issues in the English-Speaking Caribbean***

**Topic:** The panelists will expand on the results and recommendations of studies they have performed addressing gender, justice and human rights issues. They will share findings related to access to justice and the level of implementation of national, regional and international legal instruments advancing this human right for women.

**Panelists:**

- Merle Mendoca, Programmes Coordinator, Guyana Human Rights Association
- Gaietry Pargass , Social Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Margaret MaCaulay, CAFRA Jamaica
- Hermine McKenzie, AWOJA, Jamaica
- Hillary Nicholson, Training Coordinator, Women's Media Watch, Jamaica

**Moderator: Rosa Celorio, Attorney-Adviser, Special Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, IACHR**

**10:30 – 11:00 AM**      ***Break***

**11:00 – 12:30 PM**      ***Recommendations for the IACHR and the Special Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women and the Access to Justice Report***

**Moderators: Clare K. Roberts and Rosa Celorio**

**12:30 – 1:00 PM**      ***Closing Remarks***