



Feminist Task Force - Facilitation Team Terms of Reference

1. Background

The FTF was originally launched in New York during the sessions of Beijing + 10 in March 2005. Several organisations made this call which had already joined the meeting in Johannesburg in September 2004 that gave birth to GCAP. Since then, it has been an active member of GCAP and of the IFT.

2. Aims of the FTF

Some of the aims that guide the work of the FTF are:

- To ensure that gender equality is a central demand of GCAP for the eradication of poverty
- To ensure that women's human rights are central to all GCAP activities;
- To ensure that the implementation of GCAP activities, issue of statements and information flow are fully inclusive of women and respect women's rights;
- To strengthen the importance of women within GCAP and to highlight the fact that gender issues are central to poverty eradication and the achievement of equality;
- To emphasize the inequity of wealth distribution in relation to wealth generation for women;
- To counter balance the influence of patriarchal institutions that undermine women's rights;
- To demonstrate how the economic framework, including the IMF/WB, WTO, oppresses/exploits women.
- To advocate for the transformation of the current economic model that is driven by market forces and exacerbates poverty and inequalities

With these objectives in mind the FTF tries to mainstream gender concerns within GCAP (at the IFT, in regional and national coalitions) so that advocacy work for achieving and exceeding the MDGs, for the changing of national and international policies are cognisant of the importance of including a gender perspective in all demands. The FTF works towards reaching these aims in line with GCAP objectives and procedures. It wants to sensitise political leaders, decision makers, international organisations and other relevant role-players as well as the general public and GCAP members.

3. Composition

The FTF has two electronic lists, one in English and one in Spanish. Each of them has approximately 150 subscribers in all regions. Information is exchanged regularly in both lists and they are the space where decisions are taken. There is a permanent consultation of issues discussed at the IFT and in other commissions.

4. Facilitation Team

The facilitation team is composed of representatives from several regions (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, North America, Arab Region) plus the IFT representative and alternate. There could be one or two representatives per region, plus alternates.

The **aims of the facilitation team** are:

- To have a closer link with the regions
- To ensure that the global aims of the FTF can be reached at the local and regional levels
- To coordinate all FTF activities
- To ensure regular provision of regional and national FTF information into the website

For this, the members of the facilitation team are expected to:

- Actively represent their region;
- Actively communicate to other FTF members in either one of the FTF lists, (Spanish and/or English), read it regularly, provide information from their regions);
- Participate in specific exchanges and decision making processes in the FTF facilitation team list serve;
- Forward all relevant information to the broader GCAP constituency in their respective regions to ensure that FTF information reaches GCAP as a whole;
- Inform the FTF about relevant events, mobilization activities and other relevant information in their regions;
- Represent the FTF in other GCAP structures and events when necessary;
- Produce or make available relevant gender/poverty information that can be of use for the FTF and GCAP as a whole.
- Be actively involved in national coalitions and have a close relationship with regional secretariats.