

## **Sida-CODESRIA WORKSHOP**

### **Supporting Gender Research in Africa**

**Novotel Hotel, Dakar, Senegal, 26-27 June 2007**

#### **Proposed Programme**

##### **Day 1: Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2007**

- Arrival
- Option for dinner or other activity for those who wish

##### **Day 2: Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

###### **Morning session 9.00 – 12.30**

**Chair: Adebayo Olukoshi**

- 9.00-10.00 Opening Session
  - a. Opening Remarks:
    - Adebayo Olukoshi (CODESRIA)
    - Agneta Boman (Swedish Ambassador to Senegal)
  - b. Introduction of Participants
  - c. Lead Papers:
    - Supporting Gender Work: the Sida Experience: Berit Olsson
    - Gender in Africa: An Overview: Zenebeworke Tadesse
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30-12.30 Plenary I: Questions for Gender Research in Africa
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch

###### **Afternoon session 13.30 – 18.00**

**Chair: Pinkie Mekgwe**

- 13.30-15.30 Plenary II: Support Forms
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

- 16.00-18.00 Plenary III: Issues of Ownership, Networking and Collaboration between Institutions

**Dinner for all participants at Novotel in the evening**

**Day 3: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

**Morning Session 9.00 – 12.30**

**Chair: Lisa Roman**

- 9.00-9.30 Gender Myths and Feminist Fables in International Development Discourses, presentation by Andrea Cornwall
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- 9.30-10.00 Orientation Session
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee
- 10.30-12.30 Group work – all groups will discuss the themes from panels the day before
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch

**Afternoon Session 13.30 – 16.30**

**Chair: Lisa Roman**

- 13.30-14.30p.m Report back from groups
- 14.30-15.30 Final discussion in plenum
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee
- 16.00-16.30 Closing Session
  - a. Adebayo Olukoshi
  - b. Berit Olsson

**Dinner/Entertainment for those who don't have to depart in the evening**

**Panel 1: Questions for Gender Research in Africa** – are there special areas that should be prioritised? In terms of theme, e.g. economics, sexuality, politics etc. or in terms of a focus on theory and methodology development, or in terms of a focus on social change and/or development.

**Panel 2: Support Forms.** What kind of support is the most needed? Doctoral work, networking, establishing centres, joint research programmes, individual projects, capacity building in terms of for example write shops, institutional support for building libraries etc.?

**Panel 3: Issues of Ownership, Networking and Collaboration between Institutions.** How important is sub-regional or pan-African networking and collaboration in relation to national capacity building ? What are the main challenges and opportunities for networking or collaborative projects ? How can interaction between civil society and academia be enhanced and is there a value added to such interaction ? Who should ‘own’ a programme like this ? What is the role of a donor agency like Sida in relation to stakeholders in Africa ? How can such ownership be established ? What are the experiences from the various gender centres already established and what could they contribute with ?

Plenary I: Questions for Gender Research in Africa

Chair:	Zo Randriamaro
Panelists:	Godwin Murunga Rudo Gaidzanwa Amanda Gouws Charmaine Pereira Joy Kwesiga Fatou Sarr
Discussant	Zenebeworke Tadesse

Plenary II: Forms of support

Chair:	Saida Yahya-Othman
Panelists:	Aisha Fofana Ibrahim Rudo Gaidzanwa Fenella Mukangara Bontshetse Mazile Jessica Nkuuhe
Discussant	Sokhna Gueye

Plenary III: Ownership, Networking and Collaboration

Chair:	Isatou Touray
Panelists:	Akosua Adomako

	Marema Touré Ayesha Imam Rudo Gaidzanwa Kathleen Boohene
Discussant	Muthoni Wanyeki

The task of the chairperson will be to make sure that the discussion flows well and that the panelists keep within time limits. The task of the discussant is to capture what they have heard coming out as either main themes where there is convergence or points where opinions are more diversified. The panelists should all speak for about ten minutes to the questions raised under the heading of their panel, or if they feel that some important issues have been left out raise these. They need to come with prepared speeches as this is an informal workshop with plenty of space for dialogue and sharing of thoughts. However it is hoped that they will help kick off the discussion with their own thoughts on the subject.

During group work the second day we will get an opportunity to come to terms with the details of the questions and issues raised in the plenaries and all participants will have the opportunity to share their reflections on the three themes.