

NGO orientation for the CSW-2008

“Guidelines for participation”

NGO Committee on the Status of Women/New York

CSW Programme of work 25-29 February 2008

- Official opening
- Interactive events on 3 themes
- General discussion – governments and NGOs make statements
- Bureau – joint workshop with Statistics Commission on indicators for violence against women

CSW Programme of work 3-7 March 2008

- Negotiation of agreed conclusion
- Work on communications
- Adoption of resolutions
- Other business

1. Priority theme *“Financing for gender equality and empowerment of women”*

To be debated at the CSW

-Monday 26 February 3 to 6 pm
and Tuesday February 27 all day

NGO inputs into financing for gender equality and women's empowerment was an integral part of the UN process



- **Expert group meeting in Oslo, September 2007** – NGO participants included the NGO Committee on the Status of Women/NY, Mama Cash, the International Trade Union Confederation, African Women's Development Fund, the International Alliance of Women, the Baha'i International Community and the Association for Women's Rights in Development

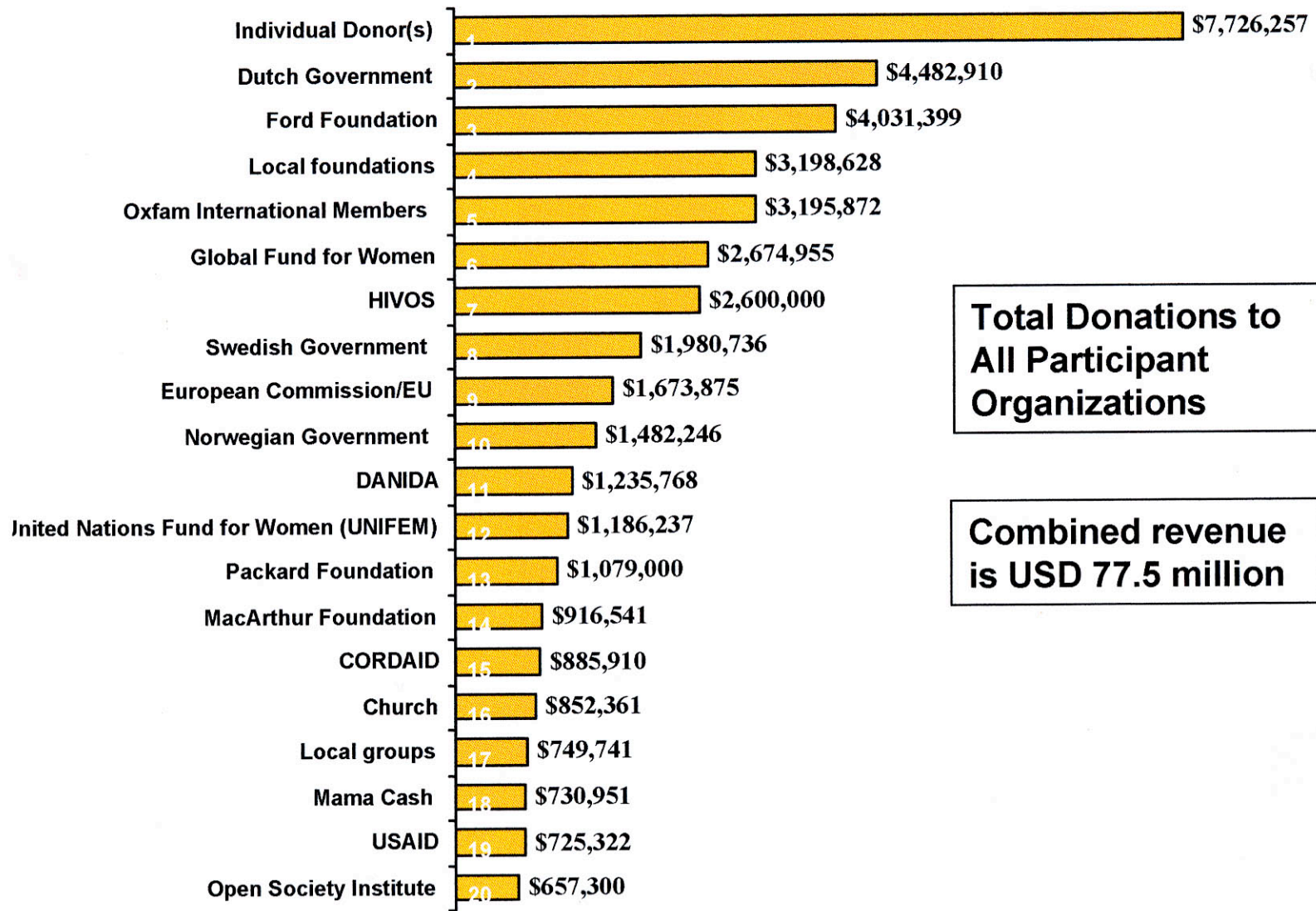
Issues to watch concerning financing

- i. Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development
- ii. Public Finance Management and Gender Responsive Budgeting
- iii. Bilateral and Multilateral Support and Official Development Assistance
- iv. Funding the Women's Movement, including through women's fund
- v. New Trends and Innovations in source of funding for women's rights

Funding of the women's movement

- According to the AWID study, “Women’s organizations are in a state of “survival and Resistance. Many are” falling back on membership fees and contributions.
- About 34 percent of organizations had budgets of less than \$10,000, and many are expected to provide services as well as pay the electricity bills.
- • When asked in August 2006, most NGOs said they would need to double their budget to do everything they hope to do this year.

Top 20 Donors: 2005



2. Review theme and related event

- “Women’s equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building” – Friday, February 29 from 10 am – 1 pm.
- Indicators on violence against women – Wednesday 27 February at lunchtime

3. Emerging theme

- “Gender perspectives on climate change”
Thursday, 28 February 3-6 pm. A panel of experts will discuss this emerging theme. A guide to discussion is available on the UN/DAW website.

Tips to improve our skills

- Do the homework and read the CSW documents before drafting statements.
- The Chair cannot call on all NGOs to speak. Make statements on behalf of many networks, caucuses and NGOs as the Chair gives priority to these.
- Make statements that address issues being discussed that session. Those have greater chances of making a difference.
- Prepare for other strategies in case you cannot make a statement – e.g. print –out statements and distribute, post statements on your web-sites, actively participate in all parallel events on the three themes.

Prepare now for 2009

- Start now to prepare for 2009 priority theme – “Equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS.”
- Discuss and plan to promote an “emerging theme” for consideration by the CSW in 2009
- E.g. prepare a shadow report on next year’s theme and mobilize civil society and the media
- E.g. try to influence the expert group meeting for next year’s theme. For info consult the UN/DAW website in summer, 2008.

Be a good diplomat

- **Follow the UN rules –e.g. no cell phone conversations in conference rooms**
- **Food and beverages in conference rooms are not allowed**
- **Computers are for UN delegates- give them priority so they can do our work**
- **Encourage government delegates to attend the NGO events at the Church Center. Extra programmes can be purchased for them at the Church Center.**
- **Be a bridge of information between the UN and NGOs at the Church Center**
- **Update your NGOs back home on progress at the CSW and include news about the CSW in your newsletters, be active in implementation of CSW 2008 recommendations**

Where can you get copies of this presentation? Website RESOURCES

*NGO program and NGO Committee on the Status of Women/New York: <http://www.ngocsw.org/>

*CSW documents:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/52sess.htm>

*Expert group report on financing for gender equality and women's empowerment:

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/52sess.htm>

*Glossary on financing for gender equality and women's empowerment by INSTRAW:

<http://www.instraw.org>