

**Judicial Colloquium on the Application of International Human Rights Law at the
Domestic Level**

Nassau, The Bahamas

17-19 May 2004

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday 17 May 2004

8.00 – 9.00 am

Registration

9.00 – 10.00 am

Opening statements

Ms. Christine Brautigam

Chief, Women's Rights Section

Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations

*The Honourable Melanie S Griffin, Minister of Social
Services and Community Development, The Bahamas*

*The Honourable Alfred A Sears, Attorney-General and
Minister of Education, The Bahamas*

*Ms Barbara Burrows, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of
Social Services and Community Development, The
Bahamas*

10.00 – 10.30 am

Introduction of participants and expectations

10.30 – 10.45 am

Tea

10.45 am – 12.15 pm

**International Human Rights Law and the Convention
on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
Against Women**

**Meaning and Scope of Equality and Non-
Discrimination in the Convention**

Christine Brautigam

*Saras Jagwanth, Technical Adviser, Division for the
Advancement of Women, United Nations*

- 12.15 -1.00 pm **Equality Case-Studies and Scenarios**
Christine Brautigam
Saras Jagwanth
- 1.00 – 2.30 pm **Lunch**
- 2.30 – 4.30 pm **Keynote Presentation and Discussion: Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations**
The Hon. Judge Desiree Bernard, Chancellor of the Judiciary, Court of Appeal, Guyana
- Tuesday 18 May 2004***
- 8.45 – 9.00 am **Introduction and Establishment of Working Groups**
- 9.00 – 11.00 am ***Parallel Working Groups on Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations**
 Specific issues and topics that will be discussed in the working groups will be largely determined by the interests of the group. Some suggested topics are: women’s right to nationality and the acquisition of citizenship; family responsibility, child support and maintenance; custody, access and the best interests of the child. Participants who have focused their written contributions on this theme will be invited to make short presentations.
- 11.00 - 11.15 am **Tea**
- 11.15 – 12.00 pm **Report Back from Working Groups on Nationality, Marriage and Family Relations**
- 12.00 – 12.15 pm **Wrap-up and Concluding Comments**
The Hon. Justice Desiree Bernard
- 12.15 – 1.45 pm **Lunch**
- 1.45 – 3.45 pm **Keynote Presentation and Discussion: Violence Against Women**
The Hon. Justice Sujata Manohar, Justice of the Supreme Court of India (retired)
- 3.45 – 4. 30 pm **The Caribbean Law Reform Initiative on Violence Against Women**
Ms Tracy Robinson, University of the West Indies

Wednesday 19 May 2004

8.30 – 8.45 am	Introduction and Announcements
8.45 – 10.45 am	*Parallel Working Groups on Violence Against Women Specific issues and topics that will be discussed in the working groups will be largely determined by the interests of the group. Some suggested topics are: rape and sexual offences; sexual harassment; domestic violence, including the battered women's syndrome. Participants who have focused their written contributions on this theme will be invited to make short presentations.
10.45 – 11.00 am	Tea
11.00 – 11.45 am	Report Back from Working Groups on Violence Against Women
11.45 am – 12.00 pm	Wrap-up and Concluding Comments <i>The Hon. Justice Sujata Manohar</i>
12.00 – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 – 3.00 pm	Way Forward and Evaluation

* Note: All sessions will be held in plenary, with the exception of the parallel working-group discussions marked with an asterisk.

6.00 pm **Reception at Government House, hosted by the Hon. Melanie Griffin, Minister of Social Services and Community Development, The Bahamas**
Transportation will be provided from the hotel. Dress: lounge suit