

**Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-seventh session**

**Review Panel
“Equal sharing of responsibilities between men and women,
including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS”**

**Tuesday 12 March 2013,
10.00 am to 1.00 pm,
3.00 pm to 6 pm**

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I. Introduction

In accordance with its multi-year programme of work, the Commission on the Status of Women will be reviewing at its 57th session in March 2013 progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 53

stereotypical gender division of labour, where women carry out most of the unpaid care work in the household; unpaid and nominally paid care work in the community; and constitute the majority of home-based caregivers (non-household members) supporting those living with HIV/AIDS.

Caregivers' support networks have emerged and strengthened since CSW53 to make visible the contributions made care workers in mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS on families and communities, secure additional resources and sustain this vital community service. For example, the Care Givers Action Network commenced operations in Africa, providing policy input, research and advocacy for caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS;²⁴ members of the Home-based Care Alliance in Kenya participated in the National AIDS Strategic Planning and Implementation process,²⁵ CTw 919.0276.64 133.56F5gubCTw 9.

IV. Format of the interactive dialogue

Four segments will be organized around the four above-mentioned themes to allow for a thorough review of progress in implementing the 2009 agreed conclusions.

Each segment will begin with two presentations (7-10 min) demonstrating concrete action to implement the agreed conclusions. Member States, entities of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations will participate in the ensuing dialogue, and are encouraged to share their experiences in implementing the agreed conclusions, highlighting achievements.

12 World Bank (2011). *Toward Gender Equality in East Asia and the Pacific: A Companion to the World Development Report 2011*. Washington: The World Bank, p. 35.

13 EU Directive 2010/13/EC, See: <http://www.europa.eu>