FRIDAY, 07 MARCH 2008
CINNAMON GRAND HOTEL, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

09:30-10:00  International Women’s Day “Financing for Gender Equity”
Welcome Address by Mr. Neil Buhne, UN Resident Coordinator
Video Address by Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary General
Message by Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT

10:00-10:10  Gender and Rights-Responsive Sustainable Cities Award
Address by Mr. Jan, Meeuwissen, Senior Human Settlements Officer,
UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)

10:10-10:20  Awards Conferral: Civil Society Organization (CSO) Award
Awardee for Excellence:
Sri Lanka Women’s Development Service Cooperative Society,
Limited, Sri Lanka
Awardee for Innovation:
Fund for the Encouragement of Self-Reliance (FESR), Vietnam
Awardee for Innovation:
Association for Community Development (ACD), Bangladesh

10:20-10:30  Awards Conferral: Individual Award
Awardee for Excellence:
Ms. Helen Hakena, Papua New Guinea
Executive Director, Leitana Nehan Women’s Development Agency
Awardee for Innovation:
Ms. Salima Sarwar, Bangladesh
Executive Director, Association for Community Development (ACD)

10:30-10:40  Question and Answer Session for the Press

10:40-11:00  Tea Break

11:00-12:30  Financing for Gender Equity, programmes in parallel
Session A: National Level - “Women Speak Out”
A conversation with outstanding women from different fields
Session B: Community Level - “Communities Building Change”
Presentations on excellence and innovative grassroots initiatives
by UN-HABITAT Awardees

12:30-14:00  Lunch

14:00-14:30  Plenary session:
Reports from “Session A: National Level” and “Session B: Community
Level”

14:30-16:30  Partnering for Gender and Rights-Responsive Sustainable Cities
Facilitated by:
1) Mr. Lalith Lankatilleke, Senior Human Settlements Officer,
UN-HABITAT ROAP
2) Ms. Lowie Rosales, Human Settlements Officer
Gender Focal Point, UN-HABITAT ROAP

We will take a look at the basic rights to decision-making and how
changes can occur through economic empowerment. Through this
workshop with international, national, academic, local and grass-
roots partners, we will take a look at the gains and challenges of
multi-stakeholder partners in financing gender equity and building
communities.

16:30-17:00  Closing Session and Evening Tea