

# Opportunities lost and gained – a seminar on girls and education

30 August 2007, 09.00 – 13.30, Norad, Oslo

## Draft Programme

- 09:00 Welcome & The current political situation in Madagascar with reference to Madagascar Action Plan (MAP).  
**Ambassador Lehne, Norwegian Embassy in Madagascar**
- Presentation of the representatives from Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (MENRS)  
**MENRS: Reality for Malagasy girls vs. priorities in MAP**
- 09:30 Why focus on gender in education?  
**Ms. Stenhammer, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- 10:00 Presentation by UNICEF of the gender and education study. Summing up the main challenges  
**Margarita Focas Licht, Chief Education Programme, UNICEF Madagascar**
- Response to the report from the audience**
- 11:00 Break (coffee and light snack)
- 11:30 UNGEI and how UN and the bilateral community can help assist in resolving challenges related to gender issues in education  
**Presentation by MFA / Norad**
- 12:00 Panel discussion (Note: *Panel participants still to be confirmed*)  
**Mr. Bruno Maes, UNICEF Madagascar**  
**Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (MENRS)**  
**Ms. Stenhammer, Permanent Secretary, MFA**  
**Ms. Rugtvedt, Permanent Secretary, MoE**  
**Ms. Marianne Skjortnes, Associate Professor (School of Mission and Theology, Stavanger**  
**Ms. Ingunn Klepsvik, Deputy Director, Norad**  
**Mr. Terje Vigtel, Norwegian Ambassador, Zambia**  
**Chair: Ragnhild Dybdahl, Director Education and Research, Norad**
- 12:45 Final remarks and closure  
**Ragnhild Dybdahl**
- 13:00 Light lunch