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