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National Conference on Women and Constitution Building - a comparative approach 27 September 2008

- 08:30 Tea and registration
- 09:00 Welcome note by International IDEA
- 09:10 Inauguration of the Conference and keynote address
- 09:30 Introduction of the IDEA "Women and constitution building programme" in Nepal
- 09:45 **Session one: Gender sensitive provisions in the Constitution**
- Moderator: Hon. Amrita Thapa
- Quota provisions in the Rwanda Constitution by Ms Rumbidzai Kandawasvika
 Women's representation on different levels in India by Prof. Ratna Kapur
 Gender sensitive provisions in the past and current constitutions, and the hopes for
 the new Constitution by Hon. Sapana Pradhan Malla
- 10:45 Open discussion
- 11:00 **Session two: Selected topics – women's focus in constitution making
 processes**
- Moderator: Ms Leena Rikkila
- Federalism from a gender perspective by Dr. Sakuntala Kadirgamar-Rajasingham
 Gender Justice in the constitution by Prof. Ratna Kapur
 Constitution and gender sensitivity in terms of substance by Ms Jill Cottrell
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 **Session three: The process of making a constitution from a gender
 perspective**
- Moderator: Ms Pushpa Bhusal
- The role of women's movement and mobilization in constitution making in Nepal by
 Ms Durga Sob

The role of women's caucus in Latin America Hon. Ana María Ruiz Antelo
Inclusion and participation in the making of the constitution by Jill Cottrell

16:00 Open discussion:

Moderator: Hon. Sapana Pradhan Malla

- Issues of importance for the women CA members
- Experience of value for the Nepali context
- Assistance needed

19:00 Reception at Hotel Himalaya