

International Bride Price Conference

Appendix 1 Workshops

Main Theme

Coalition and Action to safeguard women and children in the family.

Sub themes

DAY ONE

BRIDE PRICE ANALYSIS: CAUSES, ROOTS AND LOCAL JUSTIFICATION/LEGITIMACY (plenary session)

- Naming the problem: The place of bride price in human rights and development
- Historical evolution of bride price (social, political and economic)
- Bride price and gendered identities
- Bride price, conflict and socio-cultural transformation
- Religious and cultural perspectives on bride price

THE HUMAN, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS OF BRIDE PRICE (workshops/seminars)

- The political economy of bride price
- Bride price and the protection of children from neglect, violence and abuse
- Health:
 - Bride price and improved sexuality
 - Bride price and the improvement of sexual and reproductive health and rights
 - Bride price and the fight against HIV/AIDS
- Gender violence:
 - Bride price, gender violence and interpersonal relationships
 - Bride price and improvement of family relations
 - Bride price and the participation of youth
- Human rights/legal

Review of national and regional laws relating to marriage and family protection

Review of alternative approaches to legal framework intervention in Africa

DAY TWO

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES ACROSS THE GLOBE: ELEMENTS, ACTORS, LEVELS OF ACTION (FGM, dowry, gender violence)

(Workshops/seminars)

- Working with survivors
- Work with men (perpetrators and allies) and youth
- Behavioural change communication work with young people, the informal sector and political leaders
- Strengthening strategically important institutions (health professionals, the police, the judiciary, teachers, social workers)
- Lobbying and advocacy within the political framework

MOBILISING FUTURE ACTION: ELEMENTS ACTORS AND LEVELS OF INTERVENTION (workshops/seminars)

- The challenge of building local and international legitimacy, increasing choices for women, strengthening women's safety, economic and social positions, and mobilizing resources
- Building alliances for change (putting bride price on the political agenda)
- Role of NGOs and government Institutions in improving women's positions in society and strengthening family relations.
- Tool-kits for social transformation and programme management (decision making, problem analysis, communication)
- Culture and National policy design and implementation (National health policy, justice, law and order sector policy, education policy, national gender policy)
- Identifying and enlisting agents of change

DAY THREE

FORMULATION OF THE DECLARATION (workshops/breakaway groups)

- Advocacy and public campaigns
- Behavioural change communication
- National policy programming, research and documentation