

Ariane Navare Marie, Minister of Women's Rights, family Welfare and Child Development

- Stressed on the Government's efforts and achievements at eliminating gender differences especially in S & T.
- Mentioned that a task force was set up in 2000 at the Ministry to look into all laws that were discriminatory against women.
- Mentioned equitable allocation of resources to all persons irrespective of gender.

The different Regional Groups met on Monday 7 July 2003.

Africa Europe Asia America
Another meeting is scheduled for today after Home Groups sessions.

Members are strongly requested to attend.



Sir A. Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius

- Mentioned that Mauritius has taken giant strides towards development in science since independence.
- Stated that Mauritian women have an important share in the success and progress of all sectors.
- Stated that in 1993 his government introduced a Ministry of Women's Rights and that the private sector should strive towards more gender equity at top management level.
- Invited foreign delegates to visit our small country in spite of a busy schedule.



Dr Nancy Lane, Director, University's Initiatives for Women in Science, University of Cambridge, UK

- Presented data and other evidence on gender bias.
- Stated why knowledge about gender bias is important and what is currently being done in the UK regarding this issue.
- Stated lack of female role models in senior positions.
- Talked about schemes to retain women in Science and Technology.

Keynotes



Dr A. Suddhoo, Executive Director, Mauritius Research Council

- Presented a country paper on problems and issues facing Science and Technology in Mauritius.
- Presented statistical data on boys and girls doing science in Mauritius.
- Strongly favoured a locally relevant science and practical work at form V level instead of Alternative to Practical.
- Stressed on the important role of the MIE regarding Teacher Education in Science and Technology.