

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Tenth Information Seminar on Parliaments and CEDAW

Equality before the law: Nationality and Economic Rights

Geneva, 10 October 2013 CICG, Rooms 5-6

DRAFT AGENDA

8.30 – 9.00 a.m.	Complimentary breakfast and registration
9:00 – 9:10 a.m.	Introductory remarks
9.10 – 11.00 a.m.	 Nationality rights and women CEDAW and nationality What are the rights covered by CEDAW? What are State party obligations? What are main challenges and recent trends related to ending discrimination against women in accessing nationality or transmitting nationality? What can parliaments do? Presentations by: Ms. Patricia Schulz, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Mr. Mark Manly, Head of Statelessness Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees
11 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.	 What are the rights covered by CEDAW related to economic empowerment and independence? Access to land? Property? Credit? Inheritance? What are main challenges so far and recent good practices? What can parliaments do? Presentations by: Ms. Nahla Haidar, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Ms. Pudenciana Kikembwe, Member of Parliament (United Republic of Tanzania)
12.45- 1 p.m.	Conclusions and recommendations