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INVITATION

Legislating for gender equality: Eliminating gender-based discrimination and violence by 2030

Wednesday, 26 June 2019, 1.30 – 3 p.m.
Room IX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

On the occasion of the 41st session of the Human Rights Council, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the International Gender Champions – Geneva (IGC), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Women and the Permanent Missions of Canada, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ireland, Maldives, Mexico, Rwanda and Sweden to the United Nations will organize the side event *Legislating for gender equality: Eliminating gender-based discrimination and violence by 2030* on **26 June 2019, from 1.30 to 3 p.m., Room IX, at the UN Office in Geneva.**

The event will bring together UN experts, Ambassadors, members of parliament and representatives of international organizations, in order to take stock of progress made and of what remains to be done to eliminate all forms of gender-based discrimination and violence by 2030.

The event will serve to mark the 40th anniversary of the CEDAW Convention, the 130th anniversary of the IPU and the 25th anniversary of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, and to prepare for the upcoming 25-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, as milestones towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 by 2030.

Following a moderated discussion with the panel, the floor will be open for debate.

Chair/Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Rosemary McCarney, Permanent Representative of Canada

Panellists:
Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU
Ms. Nahla Haidar, Member, CEDAW Committee
Ms. Dubravka Šimonović, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women
Ms. Christine Löw, Director, UN Women Liaison Office in Geneva
Mr. Maxime Koné, MP, Burkina Faso

Responders:
H.E. Ambassador Veronika Bard, Permanent Representative of Sweden
H.E. Ambassador François Ngarambé, Permanent Representative of Rwanda
Mr. Yibza Tesfaye, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Ethiopia
Ms. Janepher N. Egunyu, Chair of the Human Rights Committee, Uganda
Ms. Valentina Beghini, Senior Technical Officer on Gender Equality, ILO

Refreshments will be provided outside room IX from 1.10 p.m.
Simultaneous interpretation in French and English will be available during the event.