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Strategic Inter-parliamentary Dialogue Gender-responsive recovery post COVID-19

Hosted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and organized jointly with UN Women

A series of meetings taking place virtually on 7, 14 and 21 April 2021, from 2 to 4 p.m. CEST

GUIDANCE NOTE ON SPEAKING RIGHTS

The Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with UN Women, are organizing an Inter-parliamentary Dialogue on Gender-responsive recovery post COVID-19 prepared in the form of a series of three online meetings taking place once a week between 7 and 21 April 2021, on the digital platform Interprefy, as follows:

- Women's Economic Empowerment: **7 April, from 2 to 4 p.m. CEST**

This meeting will include:

- A research- and evidence-based briefing on the economic impact of COVID-19 on women.
- A moderated session on sharing of good practices on gender-responsive measures taken in different countries in which Member parliaments are invited to address the following main questions:
 - *What do you see as the biggest threat/challenge related to COVID-19 and its impact on women's economic empowerment? How is it affecting vulnerable groups of women in particular?*
 - *Has your government or your parliament recently adopted legislation to improve the economic status of women?*
 - *What other measures have been implemented in your country?*
- A moderated discussion on identifying priorities and strategies for parliamentary action both nationally and globally in which Member parliaments are invited to address the following main questions:
 - *What would be the 3 main priority actions that you can contribute to or take to improve economic recovery for women?*
 - *What are the key levers of success in adopting gender-responsive economic policies and legislation and ensuring effective enforcement mechanisms?*
 - *Who are the key stakeholders and what are the possible alliance-building strategies in the quest to achieve a gender-responsive economy?*
- Violence against women and girls: **14 April, from 2 to 4 p.m. CEST**
- Gender-sensitive parliaments and gender-responsive legal reforms: **21 April, from 2 to 4 p.m. CEST**

Each meeting will be introduced by a moderator, followed by short presentations by panellists and moderated debates among participants.

Members of national parliaments of countries that are recognized by the United Nations and/or are Members of the IPU are entitled to take the floor during the online meetings.

Members of regional and international parliamentary assemblies that are Associate Members of the IPU can also take the floor during the online meetings.

These aforementioned participants will receive a specific link to access each of the online meetings selected. The specific link will allow them to request the floor during the proceedings of the chosen meetings. The link will be sent to the email addresses provided on the registration form available here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2CDgRKXH2D9ZKluIUIBTYncAz26QAmydyqT0J0GBJOIc8SA/viewform>

Members of parliaments can request the floor to deliver a spontaneous statement. The list of speakers will not be announced in advance: speakers will be invited to take the floor by the moderator during the online meetings if time allows.

In order to facilitate lively and interactive debates, there will be no possibility to contribute pre-recorded video statements.

Each live intervention from the floor **should not exceed two minutes (maximum)** in either of the sessions of the moderated discussions listed above.

Members of national parliaments and members of regional and international parliamentary assemblies are welcome to provide their remarks via the event's chat function.

Other participants including IPU permanent observers may take the floor if and when time allows. Live interventions from the floor should not exceed two minutes (maximum).

In addition, to guarantee the smooth-running of proceedings, participants are strongly recommended to familiarize themselves with the Interpretive Guide and the technical arrangements note, which will be made available on the IPU webpage:

<https://www.ipu.org/event/inter-parliamentary-dialogues-gender-responsive-recovery-post-covid-19>.