

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 14:00 to 16:00 CEST

GUIDANCE NOTE ON SPEAKING RIGHTS

The Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with UN Women, is 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.

The third and last meeting with the theme “Gender-sensitive parliaments and gender-responsive legal reforms” will be held on 21 April, from 14:00 to 16:00 CEST.

This meeting will include:

- A moderated session on the topic *Gender-sensitive parliaments: analysis of the situation, identifying key challenges and opportunities* during which members of parliament will be invited to address the following main questions:
 - Have the sanitary measures taken by your parliament impacted the advancement of gender-sensitivity in the institution? In particular, has online work made parliamentary processes more inclusive and family-friendly? Also, in these circumstances, has parliament opened up more to women's groups?
 - If your parliament has set up a COVID-19 task force or ad hoc body, does its composition reflect the gender balance in parliament?
 - Have new parliamentary mechanisms for gender mainstreaming been put in place in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, what has been the impact of these mechanisms?
 - Have gender equality priorities in your parliament been maintained in spite of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- A moderated session on the topic *Good practices and the way forward in gender-responsive legal reform* during which members of parliament will be invited to address the following main questions:
 - Has your parliament been able to integrate a gender perspective in legislation on the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts?
 - Have gender-responsive legal reforms initiated in other areas before the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak been achieved in your country during the ongoing pandemic? If so, how did your parliament promote and achieve such legal reform(s)?
 - Has your parliament recently enhanced its capacity to oversee the implementation of existing gender equality legislation?
 - Has your parliament been engaged in national reporting and follow-up under the CEDAW Convention in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic?

The 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 meeting.

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

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

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2CDqRKXH2D9ZKluUIBTYncAz26QAmydyqT0J0GBJOlc8SA/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 meeting 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 Interprety Guide and the technical arrangements note, which are available on the IPU webpage: <https://www.ipu.org/event/inter-parliamentary-dialogues-gender-responsive-recovery-post-covid-19>.