**SIGN-UP FORM**

The in-person segment of the 13th Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament (13SWSP), convened by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in close cooperation with the United Nations and the Austrian Parliament, will take place in Vienna (Austria) on 6 September 2021.

The in-person segment of the Summit will focus on the theme*Women at the centre: From confronting the pandemic to preserving achievements in a gender-responsive recovery*.During the proceedings,the two sessions of debate will focus respectively on **Women in the pandemic: A tribute to everyday heroes** and **Women in the post-pandemic recovery: Preserving achievements, furthering progress**. These debate sessions will follow an innovative format inspired by the Doha Debates as a way of stimulating lively exchanges among the women Speakers and Presidents. The Doha Debate format involves focusing on controversial motions, with some participants speaking in generally in agreement with the motion and others holding views that differ from the motion .

The women Speakers will present an outline of their arguments and then the floor will be opened for comments. At the end of the debate, a moderator will sum up key findings, conclusions and recommendations.

**Please indicate which of the proposed sessions as well as which of the motions (giving a preference from 1 to 3, 1 being your top choice) you would like to contribute to in the table below.**

Where possible, slots will be allotted according to stated preference, but the need to have a balanced mix of participants from across the world will also be taken into account. Please note that only live contributions will be allotted slots. Given the lively and interactive nature of the debates, pre-recorded contributions will not be shown during the proceedings but will be posted on the Summit website.

**Women Speakers may contribute to motions (for or against) by making a three-minute (maximum) statement.** In addition to their contribution to one or two chosen motions, women Speakers and Presidents may also make spontaneous contributions by answering questions and making comments on any of the other motions being debated. Such spontaneous contributions shall be limited to one minute each.

**Please return this sign-up form by 1 August 2021.**

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| **Country** |  |
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Please tick the **session(s)** in which you would like to make a three-minute contribution live during the proceedings of the Summit of Women Speakers of Parliaments:

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|  | **Session 1: Women in the pandemic: A tribute to everyday heroes** |
|  | **Session 2: Women in the post-pandemic recovery: Preserving achievements, furthering progress** |

**Please indicate in order of preference (from 1 to 3, 1 being your top choice) the motions to which you would like to contribute a three-minute statement in agreement with or with views that differ (using A in agreement and B with differing views):**

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| **Contribution in agreement (A) / With differing views (B)** | **Rate motions by preference (1 to 3)** | **Session 1:** **Women in the pandemic: A tribute to everyday heroes** |
|  |  | Motion 1: Women working on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic are more effective in providing care and services than men in the same field |
|  |  | Motion 2: Women’s care work at home should be paid an hourly wage based on the national minimum wage  |
|  |  | Motion 3: Today, 60 per cent of women are not covered by any type of social protection. By 2030, universal and gender-responsive social protection systems will be available for everyone |
|  |  | Do not wish to make a statement (in this case, you can still contribute by making spontaneous interventions limited to one minute each) |

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| **Contribution in agreement (A) / with differing views (B)** | **Rate motions by preference****(1 to 3)** | **Session 2:****Women in the post-pandemic recovery: Preserving achievements, furthering progress** |
|  |  | Motion 1: Political will can make parity in parliament a reality globally by 2030 |
|  |  | Motion 2: Laws, policies and resource allocations that aim to empower women economically will help achieve a global economic recovery post-pandemic  |
|  |  | Motion 3: By 2030, violence against women and girls and harmful practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation will have disappeared |
|  |  | Do not wish to make a statement (in this case, you can still contribute by making spontaneous interventions limited to one minute each) |

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