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## IPU's Empowerment Series for young parliamentarians

# Policies to Empower Young Women

**Online briefing for young parliamentarians on the occasion of International Women's Month  
Zoom, 15 March 2022, 13:00 to 15:00 CET (Geneva time)**

### Concept note

#### Context

No country today can claim to have achieved gender equality. Women account for half the world's population, yet many face discrimination in work, health care and education, or suffer physical and sexual violence.

Young women face double discrimination. With only 2.2 per cent of parliamentarians under 30 and less than 1 per cent of them being young women the latter are the least represented group in parliament. Moreover, they face specific social-economic barriers, cultural stereotypes and discrimination. Lack of economic opportunities and restricted access to resources due to unfavourable legislation makes young women even more vulnerable.

To shed light on these issues and mobilize young parliamentarians around needed solutions from both a gender and a youth responsive policy-making perspective, the IPU is organizing an online briefing on policies to empower young women. This briefing is part of the IPU's Empowerment Series for young parliamentarians.

The briefing is in line with IPU's commitments to the Generation Equality Forum to build intergenerational solidarity and to mobilize parliamentarians of all ages for young women's empowerment. The event also comes as a follow up to the Call to Action of the IPU and the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth on young women's political participation and leadership that appeals for a strengthening of gender-responsive youth policies and programmes through legislation, budget allocation and parliamentary oversight.

#### Objectives

The aims of the online briefing *Policies to Empower Young Women* are to:

- Raise awareness on policies empowering young women among young parliamentarians.
- Mobilize young MPs to support young women's empowerment.
- Offer a platform to strengthen connections between young MPs with the Generation Equality Forum and the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.

#### Methodology

The online briefing will be organized in the form of a virtual panel discussion including presentations by experts followed by a sharing of good practices among the young MPs on policies for young women's empowerment.

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

#### Date, virtual venue and time

The online briefing will take place on Zoom, on 15 March 2022, from 13:00 to 15:00 CET (Geneva time).

#### Registration link

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErf-irpzloHNaXca7QHFMGLD0l9mdiv-ni>