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## Parliamentary engagement in CEDAW implementation, reporting and follow-up

# Webinar 2: Reporting and exchange on recent or planned engagement on CEDAW

Friday 9 December 2022, 13:30-15:00 CET (Geneva time) on ZOOM

*Webinar for the following Parliaments of countries reviewed by the CEDAW Committee at its 82nd and 83rd sessions:*

- *82nd session (June-July 2022): Azerbaijan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Portugal, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates*
- *83rd session (October 2022): Armenia, Belgium, Finland, Gambia, Honduras, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Switzerland, Ukraine*

### BACKGROUND

The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is at the core of the human rights architecture for the promotion of women's rights. All States Parties to the Convention have the obligation to regularly present a report to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (the CEDAW Committee) on the status of implementation of CEDAW nationally.

The IPU and the CEDAW Committee have built a long-standing cooperation to promote parliamentary engagement in the implementation of the Convention. Such engagement is reinforced by Parliaments' involvement in the State reporting process, as well as in the dialogue with the CEDAW Committee to review the State report and national follow-up to this dialogue.

In this vein, the IPU is holding a series of webinars for MPs from States scheduled for review by the CEDAW Committee. The webinars are aimed at accompanying parliaments through the reporting process and supporting them in taking action for enhanced implementation of CEDAW. They aim to provide information on the Convention, the CEDAW Committee's work and the reporting process; to facilitate exchange of good practices between MPs going through the CEDAW reporting process; and to support discussions between MPs and CEDAW Committee members on enhanced parliamentary involvement.

The first webinar took place on 19 May 2022, in the lead-up to the 82nd and 83rd sessions of the CEDAW Committee (held in June-July and October 2022, respectively). The concept note of the webinar series and a detailed report of the first webinar can be found on the [IPU website](#).

The aim of the present webinar is to:

- (1) Share an overview of the 82nd and 83rd CEDAW Committee sessions and related follow-up by the Committee.
- (2) Take stock of parliamentary engagement on the occasion of and following the 82nd and 83rd CEDAW Committee sessions.
- (3) Discuss next steps in promoting parliamentary follow-up on the CEDAW Committee's Concluding Observations adopted following the review of States' reports.

The webinar may also serve to identify areas of support by the IPU and the CEDAW Committee to the concerned Parliaments in following up on the recent review of their respective States' reports.

Interpretation will be available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

13:30 – 13:45 **Introduction**

Welcome, objectives of the session, recap of Webinar 1

- *IPU Representative*

Round of introductions by participants

13:45 – 14:10 **Session 1: Overview of the 82nd and 83rd CEDAW sessions and its follow-up process**

- *CEDAW Committee representative*

Presentation followed by a Q&A moderated by the IPU

14:10 – 14:40 **Session 2: Exchange on parliamentary engagement on CEDAW**

- *Participants will be invited to share their recent experience in CEDAW engagement and address the following questions in particular:*

- Did you/your Parliament attend the dialogue session with the CEDAW Committee at its 82nd or 83rd session? If so, how did you find it?
- Are you aware of CEDAW's Concluding Observations adopted following the examination of your State's report?
- What steps have you/your Parliament taken so far to follow up on these conclusions and recommendations?

**Potential follow-up actions may include, inter alia:**

- **Questions addressed to Government**
- **A parliamentary debate, inquiry or hearing on specific topics addressed in the CEDAW review of your country**

Interactive discussion moderated by the IPU

14:40 – 15:00 **Session 3: Exchange on next steps & wrap-up**

- *Participants will be invited to share their plans for CEDAW follow-up, needs for support and ideas for collaboration with the IPU and the CEDAW Committee in this regard. They will be invited to address the following questions in particular:*

- What is your Parliament planning to do next as a follow-up to the review of your State's report at the 82nd or 83rd CEDAW session?
- What support could be sought from the IPU and the CEDAW Committee to promote such action?

**Potential support by the IPU may include, inter alia:**

- **Co-organizing a national parliamentary seminar on CEDAW to build awareness of MPs, create synergies with other stakeholders, and identify priority areas of parliamentary action on CEDAW implementation, with the participation of a CEDAW Committee member**
- **Expert advice or technical assistance in addressing specific CEDAW recommendations such as legal reviews or reform**

Interactive discussion moderated by the IPU