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## Parliaments and women's rights: Implementing the CEDAW Convention, realizing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for all

A parliamentary roundtable organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

**22 June 2023, 9.00 – 16.00 CEST (hybrid event)**

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09:00 Chairperson: Ms. Cynthia López Castro, President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

### Opening statements

**Mr. Volker Türk**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Mr. Martin Chungong**, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

**Ms. Nicole Ameline**, Member of the CEDAW Committee

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09:45 *Coffee break*

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10:00 **Session 1: Article 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – The role of parliament in eliminating barriers to women's full and equal participation in political decision-making at all levels**

- The state of women's participation in political decision-making – presentations by:
  - **Mr. Abdoul Thioye**, Chief of the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR
  - **Ms. Zeina Hilal**, Manager of the Gender Partnership Programme, IPU
- Member of parliament: National example of addressing gender-based violence against women in politics
- Member of parliament: National example of promoting the role of women in peacebuilding and conflict resolution

Interactive discussion

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11:00 **Session 2: Article 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – The role of parliament in ensuring women's equal access to decent work**

- Women's equal access to decent work – presentation by:
    - **Ms. Chidi King**, Chief of the Gender, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Branch, ILO
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- Member of parliament: National example of ensuring equal pay and social protection
  - Member of parliament: National example of combating trafficking and exploitative forms of labour

Interactive discussion

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12:00      **Lunch break**

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13:00      **Session 3: Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – The role of parliament in promoting gender equality in and through education**

- Promoting gender equality in and through education – presentation by:
  - **Ms. Adriana Quiñones**, Head, Human Rights and Development, UN Women Geneva
- Member of parliament: National example of removing barriers to girls' and women's access to education, including in non-traditional fields
- Member of parliament: National example of addressing the gender dimension of digitalization/artificial intelligence

Interactive discussion

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14:00      **Wrap-up, pledges and closing remarks**

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*Coffee break*

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15:00      **Launch of the 2023 OHCHR-IPU Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

One-hour event to launch the second edition of the Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Moderator: Ms. Nicole Ameline, Member of the CEDAW Committee

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