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38th Session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

Provisional agenda

Sessions of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians are open to women and men parliamentarians.

Sunday, 13 October 2024, from 10:30 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 17:30

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Activities to advance gender equality**

Participants will be briefed on:

- (a) the work of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and its deliberations at the sessions held in Geneva on 23 March 2024 and 13 October 2024;
- (b) the work and recommendations of the Gender Partnership Group;
- (c) IPU activities for the promotion of gender equality.

- 3. Contribution to the work of the 149th Assembly from a gender perspective**

On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will discuss the draft resolution that is on the agenda of the 149th Assembly, entitled *The impact of artificial intelligence on democracy, human rights and the rule of law* (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights). Participants will discuss the draft resolution from a gender perspective and issue recommendations on gender-related amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the Standing Committee. For this purpose, participants will work in plenary.

On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a Chairperson and a Rapporteur for the discussion. The Rapporteur will present recommendations from the discussion to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at its afternoon sitting.

The discussion will take place from 11:30 to 13:00.

The Forum will resume its work at 14:30.

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4. Panel discussion on *Sustaining peace and providing justice to women and girls*

Conflict and instability exacerbate pre-existing patterns of discrimination and violence against women and girls, exposing them to increased risks of human rights violations. This panel discussion will examine ways to prevent and counter such violations. It will focus on how parliamentary action can contribute to the prevention of sexual and gender-based crimes against women and girls in conflict-related situations, the elimination of barriers to justice for survivors and the ending of impunity for perpetrators. The panel discussion will facilitate the sharing of experience and good practice among participants on promoting access to essential services, education and health care, including sexual and reproductive health services for women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations. It will invite participants to explore how post-conflict situations can offer opportunities to advance women's and girls' rights and empowerment and, in so doing, sustain peace.

The panel discussion will take place from 14:30 to 17:00.

5. Report on the discussion on a draft resolution on the agenda of the 149th Assembly

The discussion group Rapporteur will present her report. The Forum will then ask her to consult with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and prepare amendments to be presented during the debates of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

6. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

The Forum will be called upon to fill the vacant seats on the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians. Elections will be held on the basis of candidatures submitted by the geopolitical groups.

7. Venue and date of the 39th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

Parity Debate

Pushing back on the pushback: Men and women MPs preserving and advancing gender equality

Wednesday, 16 October 2024, Plenary A (level 0), CICG, from 11:30 to 13:00

The overall aim of the Parity Debate is to promote dialogue between women and men at the IPU and encourage them to debate issues of common interest together. An equal number of men and women will speak in the debate so that the views and experiences of both genders can emerge clearly while ensuring that gender equality concerns are mainstreamed into the discussion.

Delegations are therefore invited to be represented in this debate by male and female participants. The Parity Debate will provide a platform for both men and women MPs to:

- Understand pushbacks on the human rights of women and girls, the reasons behind them, their supporting forces, their funding and the damage they do
- Share updates on elections held so far in 2024, including how the discourse on gender equality was framed during the electoral campaign
- Learn from good practices and craft strategies to push back on the pushbacks.