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Parliaments and Beijing +30: Resisting the backlash and shifting paradigms towards gender equality

A parliamentary event organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and UN-Women at the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

11 March 2025, Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

INFORMATION NOTE

During the 69th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), whose priority theme is *The review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly*, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN-Women are organizing a parliamentary meeting entitled:

Parliaments and Beijing +30: Resisting the backlash and shifting paradigms towards gender equality.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 11 March 2025**, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:30 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, at the UN Headquarters, in New York.

Objectives

In keeping with its policy of contributing to major international forums by seeking to introduce a parliamentary dimension into the proceedings of intergovernmental organizations, the IPU is organizing this one-day meeting jointly with UN-Women to provide a forum for debate on the above topic between parliamentarians from all over the world, and to contribute to the deliberations of CSW69.

The Parliamentary Meeting will provide a platform to examine the role of parliaments in advancing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The meeting will offer an opportunity for members of parliament from around the world to mobilize against the gender equality backlash and revive their commitment to the development, implementation, and enforcement of policies and action plans to achieve gender equality and fulfil women's and girls' rights and empowerment. Particular focus will be placed on shifting paradigms towards parity in decision-making.

The concept note, the meeting agenda and other relevant documents are available at this [link](#).

Expected outcome

A brief message to the CSW69 will be issued, stressing areas for priority action, with particular emphasis on the role of parliaments.

Relevant documents

Background documents to be used throughout the meeting include:

- Written contributions of the panellists, when available
- CSW69 documents, when available.

Participants

The participants in the parliamentary event will include:

- Parliamentarians present in New York who are participating at CSW69 as members of their respective delegations. The IPU Secretary General will be extending a letter of invitation to the Parliamentary Meeting to all IPU Member and non-member Parliaments.
- Representatives of governments, relevant organizations and funds of the United Nations system, and civil society.

Programme

09:45–10:00	Arrival of delegates
10:00–10:15	Opening remarks
10:15–12:00	Session 1: Women’s political participation: Progress, setbacks and lessons learned for a way forward to achieving parity
12:00–13:00	Special segment: Panel discussion on shifting the paradigm towards parity Presentation of General Recommendation 40 of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on the equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems followed by a Q&A session with participants.
13:00–15:00	Lunch break
15:00–17:00	Session 2: Pushing back against the pushback
17:00–17:30	Wrap up and concluding remarks

Languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in four languages: Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

Access badges for United Nations Headquarters

Security arrangements during General Assembly sessions are very strict and no one may enter the United Nations premises without a special badge (for delegates and visitors). In keeping with normal practice, delegations and diplomatic missions in New York will attend to all matters relating to visas, UN badges, hotel reservations and transportation.

Participants must therefore request their badge from their country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

Registration for the meeting

Persons wishing to participate in the parliamentary event are urged to register as soon as possible using the online form available at [this link](#). If you require any additional information regarding registration, please contact Ms. Marie-Graziella NGUINI (e-mail: mgn@ipu.org / Phone: +41 22 919 41 45) and Mr. Ilias TROCHIDIS (e-mail: gender@ipu.org / Phone: +30 69 445 141 55).

Informal side-event(s)

In addition to the parliamentary meeting, the IPU will be organizing side events in the course of the first week of the CSW69. Additional information will be provided soon.