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United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

Beijing +25: Parliaments accelerating action to achieve gender equality for all women and girls

A parliamentary event organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and UN Women
at the 64th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

11 March 2020, Trusteeship Council Room, UN Headquarters, New York

INFORMATION NOTE

During the 64th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), whose priority theme is *Beijing +25: Realizing gender equality and the empowerment for all women and girls*, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women are organizing a parliamentary meeting entitled *Beijing +25: Parliaments accelerating action to achieve gender equality for all women and girls*.

The Meeting will take place on **11 March 2020**, from **10 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.**
in the **Trusteeship Council Room**, 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 with UN Women in order to provide a forum for debate between parliamentarians from all over the world, and to contribute to the deliberations of the 64th session of the CSW.

2020 marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. 2020 also marks the first-year milestone of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and with the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. The event will focus on how these milestones provide momentum to accelerate progress towards achieving gender equality and fulfilling the rights and empowerment of women and girls.

Expected outcome

A brief message to the CSW will be issued, stressing areas for future 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;
- Documents of the 64th Session of the CSW, when available.

Participants

The participants in the parliamentary event will include:

- Parliamentarians present in New York for the 64th Session of the CSW as members of their respective delegations. A letter of invitation is sent by the IPU Secretary General to all Member and non-member parliaments of the IPU.
- Representatives of governments, relevant organizations and funds of the UN system, and civil society will also attend the event.

Programme

9.30 - 10 a.m.	Arrival of delegates
10 – 10.30 a.m.	Welcome remarks
10.30 – 12.30 a.m.	Session 1: Accelerating achievement of gender balance in politics
12.30 - 1 p.m.	Presentation on the Generation Equality Forum
1 – 2.30 p.m.	Luncheon break
2.30 – 4.15 p.m.	Session 2: Eliminating discrimination against women and girls in the law: a sine qua non for accelerated action towards gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls
4.15 – 5.30 p.m.	Session 3: Eliminating violence against women and girls: placing zero tolerance on the parliamentary agenda
5.30 – 5.45 p.m.	Concluding remarks

Languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the four languages customarily used at IPU Assemblies, namely English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Access badges for United Nations Headquarters

As is customary during General Assembly sessions, security arrangements 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 be invited to 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. The Inter-Parliamentary Union only registers delegates for its own parliamentary event during the Conference and do not assist them in the registration process to the 64th Commission on the Status of Women or other side events.

Registration for the meeting

Persons wishing to participate in this meeting are urged to register as soon as possible using the attached form. Once this form has been filled out, it should be sent directly to IPU Headquarters (Fax: +41 22 919 41 60 ; e-mail: postbox@ipu.org and mgn@ipu.org).

Informal side-events

In addition to the annual parliamentary meeting, the IPU is inviting you to participate in the following side events on:

- *Side-event on ending the cycle of online harassment on 10 March 2020, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.,* in the Ex-Press Bar of the General Assembly Building, at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York
- *Side event on women in politics on 12 March 2020, from 3 – 4.15 p.m.,* in the Ex-Press Bar of the General Assembly Building, at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York

N.B. The conference rooms do not have interpretation facilities and these meetings will be held in English only.

Registration for the side events held at UN Headquarters

Persons wishing to attend the side events held at UN Headquarters and who do not have a **valid UN ground pass** will receive, upon request, a side event ticket (SET). These tickets can be obtained through the IPU's Office in New York:

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Please note that all SET requests must be submitted to the IPU Office **before Friday 6 March 2020** in order for the UN Pass and ID Unit to issue the tickets. SETs will be available for pick-up at the IPU premises **one** day ahead of the event. Entry to UN by SET holders is advised 30 minutes before start of event.