



The Role of Parliaments in promoting access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology

A parliamentary event organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and UN Women on the occasion of the 55th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
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AGENDA

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- 10.00- 10.15 a.m. Welcome remarks**
- 10.15 -11 a.m. Special Segment with Ms. M. Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women**
Keynote speech followed by a question and answer session
- 10.45 a.m.- 1 p.m. Theme 1: Girls' education- a prerequisite to access to science and technology**
- The gender divide
Non-discrimination- Right to education for all without exception
Stereotypes in educational curricula
What education for girls?
- Ms. G. Corat, Director, Division for Gender Equality, UNESCO
 - Mr. M. Çavuşoğlu, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Ms. N. Motsamai, Speaker of the National Assembly of Lesotho
- Open discussion** Attracting and retaining women and girls in science and technology education and addressing the gender-science stereotype
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- 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch break**
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- 3 p.m.– 4 p.m. Theme 2: Women's employment in science and technology**
- From science studies to career in science - what challenges? what gaps?
How to facilitate women's access to the science and technology labour market
Overview of existing initiative
- Ms. J. Stewart, Director, ILO Office for the United Nations, New York
- Open discussion** Addressing discrimination in the labour market: facilitating women's employment in science and technology sectors
- 4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Theme 3: How can ICT support women in politics?**
- Women's share in ICT
The benefits of ICT for women in politics: campaign messaging, knowledge sharing, networking...
ICT and parliaments
Presentation of the International Knowledge Network on Women in Politics Website (iKNOW Politics)
- Ms. P. Kochar, Coordinator, iKNOW Politics
 - Mr. J. Griffith, Senior Advisor, Global Centre for ICT in Parliament
 - Ms. M. Lugaric, Member of Parliament, Croatia
- Open discussion** Online social networks, women's networks and knowledge sharing
- 5.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. Closing session**