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)

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GUIDING QUESTIONS

Following presentations by panellists, roundtable participants are invited to reflect and **share experiences** on the following:

- **Session 1: UDHR and the role of parliament in eliminating barriers to women's full and equal participation in political decision-making at all levels**

    - What legal measures can lead to gender parity in political decision-making? What are the challenges in passing such legislation and ensuring its enforcement, and how can they be overcome?
    - How has your Parliament been addressing gender-based violence against women in politics, both online and offline? What more needs to be done?
    - What does it take to ensure women have an equal voice in peace negotiations and peacebuilding efforts?

- **Session 2: UDHR and the role of parliament in ensuring women's equal access to decent work**

    - What legal and other measures has your Parliament taken to ensure the right to decent work and social protection in all fields of work, including in the informal sector?
    - What measures has your Parliament taken to prevent women, including migrant workers, from going into exploitative forms of labour?
    - What mechanisms has your Parliament put in place to eliminate the gender pay gap and to ensure that unpaid care work is shared more equally between men and women?

- **Session 3: UDHR and the role of parliament in promoting gender equality in and through education**

    - What measures has your Parliament taken to remove barriers faced by girls in accessing and finishing primary and secondary education?
    - How has your Parliament ensured that school curricula counter gender stereotyping and promote a culture of equality?
    - How can parliaments tap into opportunities and address challenges related to the growing use of technology and artificial intelligence (AI) in education and information systems? What good practices exist in legislating to make technological developments and AI gender-responsive?

Depending on the number of requests, participants will be each allocated 2-3 minutes for their interventions from the floor.