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# The role of parliaments in advancing gender equality through technology

A parliamentary event organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and UN Women at the 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

7 March 2023, ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

## INFORMATION NOTE

During the 67th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), whose priority theme is *Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls*, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women are organizing a parliamentary meeting entitled *The role of parliaments in advancing gender equality through technology*.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7 March 2023**, from 10 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. in the ECOSOC 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 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 67th Session of the CSW.

The Meeting will provide an opportunity to bring a parliamentary perspective into the CSW67 discussions by showcasing parliamentary engagement in harnessing technology to advance gender equality in parliaments and broader society. Members of parliament from around the world will share promising practices for empowering women and girls through technology, removing structural obstacles that hinder their access to it, and addressing risks such as technology-facilitated violence against women and girls. Participants will exchange with their peers and experts on how to deepen their work in these areas and harness technology's potential for making parliamentary working modalities more inclusive and gender-sensitive.

### 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 67th session of the CSW, when available.

### Participants

The participants in the parliamentary event will include:

- Parliamentarians present in New York for the 67th 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 – 10.25 a.m.	Opening remarks
10.25 – 12.40 p.m.	Session 1: Empowering women and girls through technology, including in- decision making processes
12.40 p.m. – 1 p.m.	The state of women’s representation in political decision-making
1 – 3 p.m.	Lunck break
3 – 5 p.m.	Session 2: Addressing online and technology-facilitated gender-based violence, including in the public and political spheres
5.00 – 5.15 p.m	Wrap-up by the Chair and the moderator

## Languages

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

## 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 in New York.

## Registration for the meeting

Persons wishing to participate in this meeting are urged to register as soon as possible using the online form available at [this link](#). If you require any additional information regarding your registration to our IPU – UN Women Parliamentary Meeting, please contact Ms. Marie-Graziella NGUINI (e-mail: [mgn@ipu.org](mailto:mgn@ipu.org) / Phone: +41 22 919 41 45 with copy to Mr. Ilias Trochidis [gender@ipu.org](mailto:gender@ipu.org)).

## Informal side-event

In addition to the annual Parliamentary Meeting, the IPU is inviting you to participate in the following side event on:

➤ *Achieving equality in decision-making by 2030: what will it take?* On Wednesday, 8 March 2023, from 10 to 11.15 a.m., Conference room B, Conference building, United Nations Headquarters.

**N.B. The conference rooms do not have interpretation facilities and this side-event will be held in English only.**