Implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
The Role of Parliaments and their Members

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Draft Program

09:00-09:30 Welcome

09:30-10:30 Introducing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and its Optional Protocol
- Why a Convention on discrimination against women?
- What does it add?
- Why an Optional Protocol to the Convention?

Presentation followed by discussion

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:30 Implementing the Convention: the Role of Parliament
- Developing an adequate legislative and oversight framework
- Working with civil society and the media
- Other parliamentary mechanisms

Presentation followed by discussion

12:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:45 Keeping track of progress: the reporting process and follow-up
- The reporting mechanism of the Convention
- Follow up to the Committee's concluding comments

Presentation followed by discussion

15:45-17.00 Parliamentary involvement in the CEDAW reporting mechanism
- Ensuring timely reporting
- Input into the Government's report
- Follow-up to the report: implementing the Committee's concluding comments

Presentation followed by discussion

17:00-17:30 Conclusions and recommendations