



**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

08:45- 09:30	Registration
09:30- 09:45	Welcoming remarks
09:45- 11:00	Introducing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and its Optional Protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Why a Convention on discrimination against women?➤ What does it add?➤ Why an Optional Protocol to the Convention? <p>Presentation followed by discussion</p>
11:00- 11:15	Coffee break
11:15- 12:30	Implementing the Convention: the Role of Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Developing an adequate legislative and oversight framework➤ Working with civil society and the media➤ Other parliamentary mechanisms <p>Presentation followed by discussion</p>
12:30- 14:30	Lunch
14:30- 15:45	Keeping track of progress: the reporting process and follow-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The reporting mechanism of the Convention➤ Follow up to the Committee's concluding comments <p>Presentation followed by discussion</p>
15:45 - 17:00	Parliamentary involvement in the CEDAW reporting mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ensuring timely reporting➤ Input into the Government's report➤ Follow-up to the report: implementing the Committee's concluding comments
17:00- 17:30	Conclusions and recommendations
