



The Role of Parliaments in promoting equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men

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A parliamentary event organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women on the occasion of the 53rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Room 4, UN Headquarters, New York



ANNOTATED AGENDA

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- 10.00 - 10.15 a.m.** *Inaugural session*
Inter-Parliamentary Union
United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women
- Chairperson
of the Meeting:* *Ms. Pia Cayetano, Senator (Philippines) and President of the IPU Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians*
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- 10.15 - 10.30 a.m.** **Key note address**
Overview of the priority theme of the 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS
- 10.30- 11.45 a.m.** **Theme 1: The intersection of paid and unpaid work**
- Value and measurement of care work (both unpaid and paid)
 - Linkages between unpaid care responsibilities and access to education, income, public participation, social security and benefits
- 11.45- 1.00 p.m.** **Theme 2: Building a protective and supportive framework for workers with family responsibilities**
- Protecting women and men workers/addressing discrimination (maternity protection etc)
 - Maternity, paternity and parental leave; Flexible work arrangements (part time work, etc); Development of care facilities within the work environment, etc.
 - The role of parliaments in supporting legislation, policies and budgets for care-giving and promoting equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including in the context of HIV/AIDS
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- 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.** ***Lunch break***
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- 3.00- 4.30 p.m.** **Theme 3: Changing mindsets and behaviours**
- Addressing women's and men's stereotypes about gender roles
 - Engaging men in shared responsibilities
- 4.30 - 5.45 p.m.** **Theme 4: Men and Women in Politics: Balancing public and private life responsibilities**
- Measures to assist women and men in balancing family and public responsibilities (as candidates and members of parliament)
 - Entitlements for parliamentarians in terms of leave and facilities
 - Male parliamentarians as role models. For example, in terms of uptake of paternity and parental leave
- 5.45– 6.00 p.m.** **Closing Session**