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**Preventing and responding to violence against women and girls:
From legislation to effective enforcement**

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 5 December 2012

9 – 9.30 a.m.	Opening session Addresses by: Ms. Ntlhoi Motsamai , Member of the National Assembly of Lesotho, Member of the Executive Committee of the IPU Ms. Anne Makinda , Speaker of National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania
9.30 – 10 a.m.	Group picture and tea break
10 a.m. - 12 noon	Session 1: Violence against women and girls: Forms, causes, consequences and overview of strategic approaches in East and Southern Africa <i>Violence against women has reached epidemic proportions and spares no society. It can take many forms and appears everywhere: domestic violence, sexual abuse in schools, sexual harassment in the workplace, early or forced marriage, female genital mutilation, sexual assault, rape as a weapon of war, etc. This session seeks to shed light on the root causes and consequences of the various forms of violence against women and girls in the world and in East and Southern Africa. Discussions will also focus on trends in terms of responses to end this scourge.</i> Chairperson: Ms. Susanne Lyimo , Member of Parliament (Tanzania) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Peter Gichangi, Bsc, MBCHB, MMED (O/G), Ph.D., Deputy Country Director and Director of Science and Research, International Centre for Reproductive Health-Kenya• Mr. Deus Kiwanuka, Team Leader for SASA!, the Center for Domestic Violence Prevention (CEDOVIP) (Uganda) Question-and-answer session and plenary debate
12 noon - 1.30 p.m.	Session 2: Regional and international legal instruments to address the problem of violence against women and girls <i>This session will examine the regional and international legal instruments dealing with violence against women. Special emphasis will be placed on the way the relevant instruments set standards with a view to obtaining results at the national level. It will also look at the role parliament plays in ensuring compliance with regional and international obligations in the field.</i> Chairperson: Mr. Kezzie Msukwa , Member of the National Assembly (Malawi) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Pramila Patten, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Mauritius)• Ms. Grace Kazoba, Researcher, Institute of Finance and Management, Dar es Salaam Question-and-answer session and plenary debate
1.30 - 3 p.m.	Hosted lunch

3 - 5.30 p.m.	<p>Session 3: Process and challenges of developing and effecting legal reform on violence against women</p> <p><i>Participants will examine the elements of the legislative process required to put an end to violence against women by analysing how violence is addressed in national legislation, identifying loopholes, defining the objective of legislative reform, consulting all interested parties, in particular those who will have to apply the law, resorting to experts, etc. The discussion will focus on the various components of legislation and examples of good practices, including parliamentary strategies for legislating and preparing the public to accept a relevant law.</i></p> <p>Chairperson: Ms. Sylvia Makgone, Member of the National Assembly (Namibia)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Jovah Kamateeka, Member of Parliament (Uganda), Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights Affairs• Ms. Sarah Sayifwanda, Member of the National Assembly (Zambia)• Ms. Pramila Patten, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Mauritius) <p>Question-and-answer session and plenary debate</p>
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<hr/> Thursday, 6 December 2012 <hr/>	
9 - 10.30 a.m.	<p>Session 4: Implementation of legislation: Costing violence against women and ensuring adequate funding</p> <p><i>The direct and indirect costs of violence against women are extremely high for victims/survivors, their families, communities and countries as a whole. During this session, attention will be paid to costing violence against women and the role of parliament in making these costs visible in the national budget. The session will focus on how gender-responsive budgeting can contribute to better implementation of legislation and plans of action to combat violence against women.</i></p> <p>Chairperson: Mr. Tsoanezo Ramakeoane, Member of Parliament (Lesotho)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Elizabeth Villagómez, Senior Partner, Almenara Middle East• Ms. Anna Collins-Falk, Country Programme Manager, UN Women Tanzania <p>Question-and-answer session and plenary debate</p>
10.30 - 10.45	Tea break
10.45 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p>Session 5: Implementation of legislation: Monitoring and overseeing government action</p> <p><i>It is important to legislate in order to obtain results, but it is equally crucial to ensure proper enforcement of legislation. The session will look at the role of parliament in monitoring progress and overseeing government action in relation to the implementation of legislation and national policies on eliminating violence against women. Special emphasis will be placed on the role of parliamentary committees. Specific attention will be paid to adequate responses in place for victims, and on cracking down on perpetrators and combating impunity. The session will also deal with the coordinated action of the various key stakeholders.</i></p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Attiat Mustafa, Member of the National Assembly (Sudan)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Helen Rubenstein, Staff Attorney Women's Human Rights Program, The Advocates for Human Rights• Mr. Kelvin Hazangwi, National Director of Padare/Enkundleni/Men's Forum on Gender and Chairperson of the Zimbabwe Anti-Domestic Violence Council <p>Question-and-answer session and plenary debate</p>
1 - 2.30 p.m.	Hosted lunch

2.30 - 5 p.m.	Session 6 (first part): Working groups on legislation and effective enforcement 1) Domestic violence Moderator : Ms. Helen Rubenstein , The Advocates for Human Rights Rapporteur : Ms. Magdalena Hamis Sakaya , Member of Parliament (Tanzania) 2) Violence against women and HIV/AIDS Moderator : Ms. Lediana Mafuru Mng'ong'o , MP (Tanzania), Chair of the Tanzania Parliamentarians AIDS Coalition, Chair of the Standing Committee on HIV/AIDS Rapporteur: Ms. Agnes Chatipwa , Member of Parliament (Malawi) 3) Female genital mutilation and child marriage Moderator : Ms. Anna Holmström , Gender Programme Officer, UNFPA Rapporteur: Dr. Stephen Kebwe Member of Parliament (Tanzania)
<hr/> Friday, 7 December 2012 <hr/>	
9 - 10.15 a.m.	Session 6 (second part): Reports of the working groups on legislation and effective enforcement Chairperson: Ms. Anna Abdallah , Member of Parliament (Tanzania), Chairperson of the Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group Presentations of the reports 1) Domestic violence Ms. Magdalena Hamis Sakaya , Member of Parliament (Tanzania) 2) Violence against women and HIV/AIDS Ms. Agnes Chatipwa , Member of Parliament (Malawi) 3) Female genital mutilation and child marriage Dr. Stephen Kebwe , Members of Parliament (Tanzania) Question-and-answer session and plenary debate
10.15 – 10.30	Tea break
10.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.	Session 7: Preventing violence against women and girls and creating an enabling environment <i>What can be done at different levels of society to help prevent violence against women and girls? The discussion will be centred on primary prevention and social change. Participants will examine what measures that can be taken to bring about a change in attitude and behaviour. Presentations and discussions will focus on education and awareness-raising campaigns and other initiatives taken by the media, civil society, etc. The importance of working with boys and men in gender-based violence prevention programmes will also be highlighted.</i> Chairperson: Ms. Anna Abdallah , Member of Parliament (Tanzania), Chairperson of the Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Deus Kiwanuka, Team Leader for SASA!, the Center for Domestic Violence Prevention (CEDOVIP) (Uganda)• Mr. Kelvin Hazangwi, National Director of Padare/Enkundleni/Men's Forum on Gender and Chairperson of the Zimbabwe Anti-Domestic Violence Council• Ms. Annmarie Mavenjina, Member of TAWLA - Tanzania Women Lawyers Association, Women Rights Advisor at ActionAid Tanzania Question-and-answer session and plenary debate
12.30 - 2 p.m.	Hosted lunch

2 – 3.30 p.m.	Session 8: Summary of the seminar Chairperson: Ms. Lediana Mafuru Mng'ong'o , Member of Parliament (Tanzania), Chair of the Tanzania Parliamentarians AIDS Coalition, Chair of the Standing Committee on HIV/AIDS Presentation of the IPU programme “Parliaments Take Action on Violence against Women” by Ms. Brigitte Filion , Programme Officer, IPU Gender Partnership Programme Presentation of the IPU resolution on <i>Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children</i> by Ms. Safia Kalule , Member of Parliament (Uganda) General discussion on lessons learned from the seminar and follow-up action
3.30 – 3.45 p.m.	Tea break
3.45 – 4.15 p.m.	Closing session Presentation of final conclusions by the Co-Rapporteurs, Ms. Laurencia Bukwimba and Dr. Stephen Kebwe , Members of Parliament (Tanzania) Closing statements Ms. Ntlhoi Motsamai , Member of the National Assembly of Lesotho, Member of the Executive Committee of the IPU Ms. Anna Abdallah , Member of Parliament (Tanzania), Chairperson of the Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group
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