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# **GENDER STRATEGIES FOR PARLIAMENTARY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES**

MUNTPUNT  
15 OCTOBER 2019

# **AGENDA**



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9:15 - 9:30

### Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Ruth Beeckmans, Senior Programme Officer, INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership, International IDEA

Gonzalo JORRO MARTINEZ, Policy Officer – Democracy – Parliaments and Political Parties, European Commission, DEVCO

9:30 - 10:45

### Session I: Engaging parliamentarians and parliamentary staff in the promotion of gender equality

In this session we are looking at some of the challenges and opportunities that parliaments face in ensuring parliaments themselves, as well as societies in general become more inclusive and equal.

#### Key questions:

- What does a robust gender-sensitive policy analysis entail?
- What are the main challenges to strengthening women's representation and leadership in parliament?
- How to affect change in institutional structures and cultural norms?
- How to engage civil society and gender advocates with MPs and their staff?
- What are good practices of gender budgeting?

#### PANEL:

**Moderator:** *Ingrid Grosu Walker, Associate Programme Officer, INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership, International IDEA*

#### Speakers:

- **Senator Gabrielle McFadden**, Government Chief Whip and Seanad Spokesperson on Defence, Houses of the Oireachtas, Ireland
- **Catherine McCarthy**, Policy Advisor to the Budgetary Oversight Committee, Houses of the Oireachtas, Ireland
- **Lilian Soto**, Politician and Activist on Gender Equality, Paraguay
- **Nidia Vilchez**, Peruvian politician and former Minister in the Ministry of Women and Social Development



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10:45 - 11:15

*Coffee break*

11:15 - 13:00

### **Session 2: Gender-responsive parliamentary partnership programmes**

Successful parliamentary development programmes, knowledge resources and tools are grounded in an in-depth analysis of the social, cultural, economic and political context in which the parliament is operating. As research shows, there is still high inequality in gender relations.

During this session we will discuss practical methods and tools to better support MPs and staff in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment through their legislative, oversight and representation roles.

More specifically, we will focus on the challenges and opportunities for women's empowerment and the promotion of gender equality through parliamentary partnership projects.

#### **Key questions:**

- What are possible thematic issues on gender equality and empowerment and participation of women which could be integrated into peer-to-peer parliamentary strengthening operations?
- How to ensure gender balance in peer-to-peer exchanges among parliaments?

#### **PANEL:**

**Moderator:** *Rumbidzai Kandawasvika-Nhundu, Head of Political Participation and Representation, International IDEA*

#### **Speakers:**

- **Alhagie Mbow**, Member of Parliament of the National Assembly of The Gambia
- **Dasho Ungyen Wandi**, Member of Parliament of the National Assembly of Bhutan
- **Marije Laffeber**, Gender expert and PES Deputy Secretary General (TBC)

13:00 - 14:00

*Lunch at the Dominican Hotel, Rue Léopold 9, 1000 Bruxelles*



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14:00 - 15:30

### Session 3: How to measure impact on gender equality within the framework of parliamentary partnership programmes?

Gender-sensitive monitoring and evaluation for parliamentary development programmes have proven challenging. Additional difficulties may arise in peer-to-peer parliamentary strengthening operations as national parliaments have ownership of the projects, but often lack the time and evaluation expertise to monitor results.

This session will explore good practices for monitoring results with a gender lens in ways that are user-oriented and not overly technical.

#### Key questions:

- What are the main challenges for organizations and Parliaments engaged in peer-to-peer parliamentary strengthening operations to monitor and evaluate projects from a gender equality perspective?
- What are the advantages of self-assessment toolkits to evaluate gender sensitivity of parliaments? How could evaluations better inform global parliamentary development programming and serve as a strong basis for peer-to-peer exchanges?
- What are good practices and tools to produce relevant data on gender equality?
- How to ensure ongoing evaluation (outcome mapping/harvesting) is gender-sensitive?

#### PANEL:

**Moderator:** *Ruth Beeckmans, Senior Programme Officer, INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership, International IDEA*

#### Speakers:

- **Elena Anchevska**, Coordinator Gender-Sensitive Parliaments, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
- **Joakim Molander**, Head of Budget and Programme Performance, International IDEA

15:30 - 16:00

*Coffee break*

16:00 - 17:00

**Conclusions and way forward**