



AGENDA

Sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

(CSW 65)

Expert Group Meeting

‘Women’s full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls’

Hosted by UN Women

Virtual Meeting

5-8 October 2020

EDT/GMT-4*

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PROGRAMME OF WORK

Monday 5 October 2020	
07:45-8:00	<i>Sound Check and Connection</i>
8:00-8:30	<p>Closed Session for Experts Only Briefing of experts (organization of work)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabine Freizer (Chief, Leadership and Governance, UN Women) <p>Election of EGM Co-Chairs and drafting committee</p>
08:30-09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening of the Meeting Åsa Regnér (Deputy Executive Director, UN Women) • Christine Brautigam (Director, Intergovernmental Support Division, UN Women) • Sarah Hendriks (Director Programme, Policy Intergovernmental Division UN Women)
09:00-10:30	<p>Session 1 – Discussion of EGM Background Papers <i>Two background papers, focused on the state of women’s participation and decision-making in public life and how women participate in political and public life and space, will be presented to inform and frame the meeting discussions.</i></p> <p>Presentations of background papers:</p> <p>1. “The State of Women’s Participation and Empowerment: New Challenges to Gender Equality”</p> <p>Author presentation (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pippa Norris, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University <i>(15 mins)</i> <p>2. “Women’s Informal Participation in Political and Public Life and Space: Global Trends and Challenges”</p> <p>Authors presentation (20 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shireen Hassim, Carleton University • Laurel Weldon, Simon Fraser University <p>Discussants (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Upreti, UN Working Group of the Human Rights Council on the issue of discrimination against women and girls (WGDAW) • Mona Lena Krook, Rutgers University <p>General discussion on policy implications and emerging recommendations (45 mins)</p>
10:30-10:45	<i>Break (15 mins)</i>
10:45-11:55	<p>Session 2 – Data Advances and Gaps in Measuring Women’s Participation in Public Life</p> <p>Presentations (15 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ionica Berevoescu, UN Women <i>“Women’s Representation in Local Government: A Global Analysis”</i> • Müge Kökten Finkel, University of Pittsburgh

	<p><i>“Women’s Inclusion in Public Administration Decision-making Worldwide: Facing Down the Challenges to Measurement and Data Harmonization”</i></p> <p>Discussants (5 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emilia Sáiz, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) • Aparna Basnyat, UN Development Programme (UNDP) Oslo Governance Centre <p>General discussion on policy implications and emerging recommendations (30 mins)</p>
11:55-12:00	Wrap-up and Close

Tuesday 6 October 2020	
07:45-8:00	<i>Sound Check and Connection</i>
08:00-09:30	<p>Session 3 – Women’s Leadership and Representation</p> <p>Presentations (15 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drude Dahlerup, Stockholm University <i>“Temporary Special Measures, Including Quotas”</i> • Otilia Lux de Coti, Fund for Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin American and the Caribbean (Indigenous Fund) <i>“Participation and Discrimination of Indigenous Women and Afro-descendants”</i> • Andrew Reynolds, Princeton University <i>“Lesbian, Bisexual/Pansexual and Trans Women in Elected Office”</i> <p>Discussants (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilary Gbedemah, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) • Sofia Minieri, Argentina National Network for the Rights of People with Disabilities (REDI) <p>General discussion on policy implications and emerging recommendations (35 mins)</p>
09:30-09:40	<i>Break (10 mins)</i>
09:40-11:10	<p>Session 4 – Social Norms and Women’s Participation in Informal Spaces</p> <p>Presentations (15 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucina di Meco, Independent Researcher <i>“Online Threats to Women’s Political Participation and The Need for a Multi-Stakeholder, Cohesive Approach to Address Them”</i> • Amani Aruri, Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC) <i>“Youth Participation in Public Life”</i> • Fatou Sow, Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar and Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)

	<p><i>“Social Change and the Role of Feminist Movements, CSOs and Networks in Raising Awareness on Women in Public and Political Life”</i></p> <p>Discussants (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberata Rutageruka Mulamula, Institute for African Studies, George Washington University • Khin Hla, Yaung Chi Thit (YCT) Organization <p>General discussion on policy implications and emerging recommendations (35 mins)</p>
11:10-11:30	Break-Out Working Groups on Key Messages and Emerging Recommendations (20 mins)
11:30-11:50	Report Back from Break-Out Groups (20 mins)
11:50-12:00	Summary of Key Points of the Day and Close (Co-Chairs)

Wednesday 7 October 2020	
07:45-8:00	<i>Sound Check and Connection</i>
08:00-09:30	<p>Session 5 – Violence Against Women in Public and Political Life</p> <p>Presentations (15 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubravka Šimonović, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its causes and consequences <i>“Eliminating Violence Against Women in Politics”</i> • Wafa Bani Mustafa, Member, Jordanian House of Representatives <i>“Campaigning to End Political Violence Against Women”</i> • Flávia Biroli, Institute of Political Science, University of Brasília <i>“Violence Against Women in Politics and Public life, Democratic Backsliding, and Far-Right Politics”</i> <p>Discussants (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Pepera, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) • Kosana Beker, FemPlatz <p>General discussion on policy implications and emerging recommendations (35 mins)</p>
09:30-09:40	<i>Break (10 mins)</i>
09:40-11:10	<p>Session 6 – Impact of Women’s Participation and Transformative Decision-Making</p> <p>Presentations (15 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker, Parliament of Uganda <i>“Women’s Participation in Parliaments”</i> • Jennifer Piscopo, Occidental College <i>“Impact of Women’s Leadership in Public Life and Decision-Making”</i> • Zeina Hilal, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) <i>“Gender Sensitive Parliaments: A Transformative Framework”</i>

	<p>Discussants (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Nana Oye Hesse-Bayne, Shidaa Sustainable Development Solutions Ltd (SSDS) & Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWiL) • Lubna Al-Kazi, Women’s Research and Studies Center, Kuwait University <p>General discussion on policy implications and emerging recommendations (35 mins)</p>
11:10-11:30	Break-Out Working Groups on Key Messages and Emerging Recommendations (20 mins)
11:30-11:50	Report Back from Break-Out Groups (20 mins)
11:50-12:00	Summary of Key Points of the Day and Close (Co-Chairs)

Thursday 8 October 2020	
07:45-8:00	<i>Sound Check and Connection</i>
08:00-08:10	Welcome and Confirmation of Themes for Break-Out Discussions on EGM Recommendations
08:10-09:20	Break-Out Working Groups on EGM Recommendations (1 hour, 10 mins)
09:20-09:30	<i>Break (10 mins)</i>
09:30-10:30	<p>Presentation and Discussion of Working Groups on EGM Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 groups (10 minutes each) <p>Discussion of all experts on key messages and recommendations of the EGM (30 mins)</p>
10:30-11:45	<p>Adoption of Draft EGM Report Outline and Recommendations (Co-Chairs)</p> <p>Discussion and agreement on key messages and recommendations (1 hour, 15 mins)</p>
11:45-12:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs
12:00	<i>Close</i>