



Arab Parliamentarians Dialogue on the Regional Review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after Thirty Years

29 - 30 May 2024

Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Proposed Agenda

Day One: Wednesday 29 May 2024	
Time	Session
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Salma Al-Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development Cluster, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Ms. Shatha Abdellatif, Representative of League of Arab States Secretariat Ms. Janneke van der Graaff – Kukler, Deputy Regional Director, UN Women Arab States Regional Office
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Session I: Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Universal National Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action Review and its intersection with the Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights Frameworks Ms. Salma Al-Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA Regional Review of Arab Women Development Agenda +5 Ms. Shatha Abdellatif, Representative of League of Arab States Secretariat Progress of the Status of Women in the Arab Region since 2020 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Status of women in the Arab region: Gender Justice and Law Platform Progress on the situation of women in the Arab region since 2020 Parliamentarians’ interventions on legislative amendments regarding gender equality in the Constitution <i>Moderator: Ms. Salma Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Session II: Legislative developments in the field of the right to work and the decent work environment, and opportunities for entrepreneurship</p> <p>Parliamentarians’ interventions on the achievements and main challenges in adopting legislative amendments on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendments to Labor Laws to Eliminate Gender Discrimination in Labor Legislative amendments on unpaid care, maternity and paternity leave and flexible work Legal amendments to financial policies and investment opportunities to promote employment, entrepreneurship and access to property <i>Moderator: Ms. Nada Darwazeh, Chief of ESCWA Center for Women</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00	<p>Third Session: Legislative Developments in Women's Participation in Public Life and Decision-Making</p> <p>Parliamentarians' interventions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legislative measures to enhance women's participation in legislative councils. ▪ Measures to increase the representation of women in various representative councils. ▪ Women's experience in leadership positions in legislative councils and specialized parliamentary committees <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Simone ellis Oluoch-Olunya, Regional Policy Advisor, UN Women Arab States Regional Office</i></p>
16:00 – 16:30	Summary messages of the first day
	Day Two: Thursday 30 May 2024
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9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session V: Legislative developments in the field of protection against violence</p> <p>Parliamentarians' interventions on the achievements and main challenges in adopting legislative amendments on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protection from domestic violence ▪ Protection from harassment in the public space, workplace and technology-facilitated violence ▪ Protection from political violence against women in leadership positions and human rights defenders <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Salma Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA</i></p>
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Session Six: Legislative developments relating to the rights and protection of vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Parliamentarians' interventions on the achievements and main challenges in adopting legislative amendments on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rights of women and girls with disability ▪ Child rights and confronting child marriage ▪ Combating female genital mutilation <p><i>Moderator: Maha Muna, Regional Gender Advisor, UNICEF</i></p>
12:00 – 12:30	Coffee Break
12:30 – 14:00	<p>Seventh Session: Legislative Developments in Family and Personal Status Matters</p> <p>Parliamentarians' interventions on the achievements and most prominent challenges in adopting legislative amendments on the provisions of marriage, divorce, nationality rights and access to property.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Nada Darwazeh, Chief of ESCWA Center for Women</i></p>
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 16:30	<p>Session Eight: Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion on the role of parliaments and legislatures in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action ▪ Discussion of key messages <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Salma Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA</i></p>