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Emne: Invitation to webinar event: Institutionalizing Gender Mainstreaming in Parliament: Participatory

Gender Audits and Gender Action Plans / 24 January 2023, 10:00-12:00 CET

Dear members of parliaments of national parliaments,

Dear members of parliamentary administration and support staff of parliamentary committees,

ODIHR has the privilege to invite you to the upcoming webinar event, organized together with the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

We would be happy to have you with us.

We also kindly ask you to share the invitation with other members of parliament and parliamentary administration, and potential participants from your network, especially if they are part of our target audience (see below).

Wish you all a wonderful rest of the week and stay at your disposal in case of questions!

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<u>Institutionalizing Gender Mainstreaming in Parliament:</u> Participatory Gender Audits and Gender Action Plans

WHEN Tuesday, 24 January 2023, 10:00-12:00 CET

WHERE online (Zoom, CET time zone)

ORGANIZED BY The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA)

National parliaments of the OSCE region have a unique role to play in the gradual transformation of our societies towards gender equality. National parliaments are well placed to champion the objective of gender equality and promote gender mainstreaming, by responding to the needs and interests of both men and women in their composition, structures, operations, working methods, and day-to-day work. Parliaments are also responsible for producing gender-responsive policy outcomes, through decision-making and the adoption of documents within the competence of the parliaments, or indirectly through gender-sensitive oversight of the performance of the executive.

In 2021, ODIHR published "Realizing Gender Equality in Parliament: A Guide for Parliaments in the OSCE Region", a practical guide, intended to support the full range of parliamentary actors — from parliamentary leadership teams, members of parliament, and political and parliamentary staff, to parliamentary practitioners and civil society organizations dealing with gender equality issues — in transforming these institutions into gender-sensitive parliaments. The guide is based on an OSCE-wide research project, in cooperation with the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and 46 national parliaments of OSCE participating States. Recognizing that transformation will not come about on its own, nor without a comprehensive and structured reform process, ODIHR and the OSCE PA decided to complement this publication with a practical guidance document on "Participatory Gender Audits", published in 2022, in English and Russian.

To **launch the step-by-step guidance document**, discuss the application of gender audits and gender action plans in parliaments, and facilitate discussion on possible steps to be taken to work towards gender-sensitive parliaments, the ODIHR and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly are organizing this Joint Web Dialogue.

Target audience

- Members of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and relevant staff
- Members of parliament and parliamentary service leadership of national parliaments of OSCE pSs
- Representatives of OSCE executive structures
- Delegations of pSs to the OSCE
- Experts in the field of gender sensitive parliaments and women's political participation

Registration

All interested participants need to register their participation at the following LINK. Once registered, participants will receive a zoom link to their e-mail address.

Technical information

The event will be held online, via Zoom. The working language will be English. Translation into Russian and interpretation into international sign language will be provided.

Contact

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