

PROGRAM

Second Consultation with Women Parliamentarians of the Americas

October 14, 2013

Brasilia, Brazil

8:30-9:00 **Signature of a cooperation agreement between the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas and the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Opening**

- Diva Gastélum, President of COPA'S Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas of COPA
- Carmen Moreno, CIM/OAS Executive Secretary
- Irune Aguirrezabal, Regional Advisor at UN-Women
- Liliane Roriz, Member of the Legislative Chamber of the Federal District
- Wasny De Roure, President of the Legislative Chamber of the Federal District
- Jacques Chagnon, President of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Panel I: Priorities for the legislative agenda for women's rights and gender equality in the Americas**

Moderator: Diva Gastélum, President of COPA'S Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas

- ***Legislative recommendations of the CEDAW committee: Priority Themes***
Françoise Roth, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- ***MESECVI legislative recommendations regarding violence against women: priority themes***
Marta Martínez, CIM specialist

Plenary debate

11:00 – 13:00 p.m. **Panel II: Initiatives to guarantee human rights for women and gender equality in the parliaments of the Americas**

Moderator: Elcione Barbalho, Special Procurator for Women at the Chamber of Deputies of the Brazilian Parliament

- ***Women's rights and gender equality in the parliamentary work***
Beatriz Paredes Rangel, Ambassador of Mexico in Brazil

- ***Initiatives of the Brazilian civil society for a legislative agenda during the electoral process***
Vera Soares, Secretariat of Policies for the Women of the Government of Brazil
Jô Moraes, Member and Coordinator of the Parliamentary Bank of Women of the Chamber of Deputies of the Brazilian Parliament
- ***Initiatives for the advancement of the legislative agenda regarding human rights of women and gender equality***
Irene Aguirrezabal, Regional Advisor at UN-Women
- ***Gender equality and violence against women in the agenda of the Parliamentary Assembly of the European Council***
José Mendes Bota, General Rapporteur on Violence against Women at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Political Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network “Women Free from Violence”
- ***Surveillance of the agenda of the human rights of women at the National Congress of Brazil***
Nina Madsen, Centro Feminista de Estudos e Assessoria (CFEMEA, Brasil)

Plenary debate

1 – 2 p.m.

Lunch

2 – 4 p.m.

Discussion groups: Priorities of a legislative agenda promoting women’s rights and gender equality in the Americas

Objective: To debate and reach a consensus on five legislative priorities for each theme, taking into account the need to bring national laws into line with international commitments and thus ensure they are implemented.

1. Discussion group on legislative priorities for

- *eradicating violence against women and girls*
- *combatting the trafficking of women and girls*

Rapporteur: Ines Pandeló, President of the Women Secretariat of the Unale

2. Discussion group on legislative priorities for

- *guaranteeing women’s sexual and reproductive rights*

Rapporteur: Eunice Borges, UN Women Office in Brazil

3. Discussion group on legislative priorities for

- *guaranteeing women’s economic rights and their rights in the workplace and with regard to labour relations*
- *moving forward in the creation of public social security systems, including care services for dependants*

Rapporteur: Conceição Vieira, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Sergipe

4 – 5 p.m.

Report on discussion group outcomes and plenary debate

5 p.m.

End of consultation