

Informal meeting with States parties

17 October 2012 from 15:00 to 18:00 hrs
Conference room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Programme

15:00 to 15:10

Introductory remarks: Ms. Silvia Pimentel Chairperson of the CEDAW

15:10 to 16:20

1. Strengthening engagement with stakeholders and raising visibility of the CEDAW Convention

- Cooperation with main stakeholders, including Member States, UN Women, NGOs and NHRIs for purposes of a more comprehensive implementation of the CEDAW.
- Importance of maintaining one session per year in New York to achieve the objectives of the Convention to advance the human rights of women worldwide.
 - Speaker: Ms. Nicole Ameline

16:20 to 17:30

2. Overview of implementation of the CEDAW Convention and Optional Protocol, working methods in the context of treaty body strengthening and challenges

- Format and nature of dialogue (focused dialogue, clustering of issues, timing), format of concluding observations, follow-up to concluding observations and implementation (focused recommendations and prioritization of recommendations) in the context of treaty body strengthening
 - Speakers: Ms. Victoria Popescu and Ms. Barbara Bailey
- Individual communications and inquiries under the Optional Protocol
 - Speakers: Ms. Dubravka Simonovic and Ms. Pramila Patten

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3. Other issues of interest to the States parties