



## **Working Group on discrimination against women in law and in practice**

### **Questionnaire on lessons learned, challenges and opportunities**

#### 1. *Thematic reports*

a. In your experience, has the Working Group been accessible for the key stakeholders seeking to provide inputs and views for the elaboration of its reports? Are there particular stakeholders which require the Group's special attention?

b. Do you know of any instances in which the findings and recommendations of the Working Group have been used and implemented at the national level? Have its reports contributed in the elaboration of particular laws and policies?

d. In your view, have the Group's thematic reports been adequately integrated in Human Rights Council annual resolutions on the elimination of discrimination against women?

e. Do you know of occasions when the Working Group's reports are referenced in policy dialogues and academic fora on human rights and development, at the international, regional and/or national levels?

#### 2. *Communications*

a. What is your assessment of the impact of communications (allegation and other letters as well as urgent appeals) sent by the Working Group? Please refer to specific cases, if possible.

#### 3. *Country visits*

a. How accessible were the experts to the various stakeholders during the visit?

b. How much media coverage did the Working Group's end-of-mission statement make and did it have impact on public debates? If so, in what way?

c. Did the Group's report have some impact on national policy or law reforms? If so, in what way?

d. How was the report used by multiple stakeholders beyond policy/law making?

#### 4. *Participation of the Working Group in relevant fora*

a. How would you evaluate the Working Group's engagement and dialogue with States and with other relevant stakeholders, such as the regional human rights mechanisms and civil



society, at the Human Rights Council, CSW, Working Group's sessions, etc. Please share any suggestions for improvement.

b. What other relevant fora at the national, regional, and international levels would you recommend participation of the Working Group?

5. *Working Group's sessions and convening capacity*

a. How accessible do you consider the sessions of the Working Group to the various stakeholders? Please share suggestions for improvement.

b. What has been your experience in terms of participation in the sessions, including views on usefulness (e.g., being informed of the WG's work, benefiting from the exchange of views among diverse stakeholders, gaining new insight into substantive issues and impact etc)?

c. Bearing in mind the very limited financial resources available, would you have any other suggestions concerning the use of the convening capacity through the Working Group's three annual sessions?

6. *Future possible areas of thematic focus*

a. Do you have suggestions on potential areas of thematic focus for the Working Group's future work?

7. *Visibility of the Working Group*

a. Do you have suggestions regarding effective ways to contribute to the visibility of the expert group's work?

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