





CEDAW 73RD SESSION
CEDAW-UNITAR-IPU PANEL DISCUSSION

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## **PANELISTS**

### Ms Rosemary McCarney

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### Ms Nicole Ameline

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MS ROSEMARY MCCARNEY is the Canadian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, A business leader and award-winning humanitarian, she is also a recognized public speaker and expert on international economic development. She has worked with the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, as well as with foreign governments and UN

bodies. She has taught and practised law in the US and Canada and held executive level leadership positions in the private and not-for-profit sector. She is an author of a series of children's books on social and rights issues affecting children around the world, which have been translated into dozens of languages and sold in over 30 countries.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{MR MARTIN CHUNGONG} \text{ is the Secretary General of the International} \end{array}$ Parliamentary Union and its International Gender Champion, which is a network of decision makers who have committed to breaking down gender barriers. He is also leading IPU's work to dramatically reduce maternal and child mortality rates through effective legislation and its implementation, as well as ensuring governments' accountability to international commitments in this area. With more than three deaceds of experience with parliaments at the national and international level, he has become a leader in his field through his work on developing programmes to help parliaments become more transparent, accountable, representative and effective democratic institutions.





MS NICOLE AMELINE is a jurist and an expert on women's rights. She is the Vice Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the chair of its Working Group on SDGs and a member of its Working Group on Communications, as well as the Focal Point on cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Ms. Ameline was a member of the French Parliament for several terms between 1991 and 2017 and served as the Minister on Gender Issues and Equality at Work from 2002 to 2005. From 2005 to 2007, she was the Ambassador at Large on Social Issues and Globalization and the French Representative at International Labour Organization.