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## INVITATION

### *Legislating for gender equality:*

### *Eliminating gender-based discrimination and violence by 2030*

Wednesday, 26 June 2019, 1.30 – 3 p.m.  
Room IX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

On the occasion of the 41<sup>st</sup> session of the Human Rights Council, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the International Gender Champions – Geneva (IGC), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN Women and the Permanent Missions of Canada, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ireland, Maldives, Mexico, Rwanda and Sweden to the United Nations will organize the side event *Legislating for gender equality: Eliminating gender-based discrimination and violence by 2030* on **26 June 2019, from 1.30 to 3 p.m., Room IX, at the UN Office in Geneva.**

The event will bring together UN experts, Ambassadors, members of parliament and representatives of international organizations, in order to take stock of progress made and of what remains to be done to eliminate all forms of gender-based discrimination and violence by 2030.

The event will serve to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CEDAW Convention, the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IPU and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, and to prepare for the upcoming 25-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, as milestones towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 by 2030.

Following a moderated discussion with the panel, the floor will be open for debate.

**Chair/Moderator:** H.E. Ambassador Rosemary McCarney, Permanent Representative of Canada

**Panellists:** Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU  
Ms. Nahla Haidar, Member, CEDAW Committee  
Ms. Dubravka Šimonović, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women  
Ms. Christine Löw, Director, UN Women Liaison Office in Geneva  
Mr. Maxime Koné, MP, Burkina Faso (TBC)

**Responders:** MP (to be determined)  
H.E. Ambassador Veronika Bard, Permanent Representative of Sweden  
Ms. Valentina Beghini, Senior Technical Officer on Gender Equality, ILO

Refreshments will be provided outside room IX from 1.10 p.m.  
Simultaneous interpretation in French and English will be available during the event.

Please RSVP to this email address **before Monday 24 June**: [mgn@ipu.org](mailto:mgn@ipu.org) (Ms. Marie-Graziella NGUINI)