



# Parliamentarians for Global Action



## Parallel Side Meeting to the 54<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Role of Policymakers in Governance, Development and Women's Empowerment

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### Agenda

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome Remarks

H.E. Mr. Anders Lidén, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations and Chair of  
PGA UN Committee

Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary General

Ms. Janet Benshoof, President, Global Justice Center

### **The National and International Legal Tools to Enforce Gender Parity and Ensure Criminal Accountability**

- Legislative Developments Impacting Gender Equality:
  - The new legal tools to enforce gender justice and end impunity in the decade since UNSCR 1325 (e.g. UNSCR 1820, 1888, 1889 and the Rome Statute of the ICC)
- Bridging the Gap between Laws on Paper and Practice on the Ground:
  - Challenges that Women Face on the Ground in Relation to Gender Parity in Cease Fires: Participation in the Drafting of Peace Agreements and in obtaining Criminal Accountability and Reparations
- The Legal Obligations of all States and the United Nations under CEDAW, Beijing & UNSCR 1325 to Ensure Equality and Parity under International Criminal Law and the Rome Statute of the ICC:
  - The specific duties of states under CEDAW to ensure gender parity and under the Rome Statute to ensure accountability

10:15 – 11:45 Case Study – Afghanistan: How to Ensure Gender Parity in the Peace Process

Chair – Dr. Ermelinda Meksi, MP (Albania), PGA Executive Committee Member

Sen. Rida Azimi (Afghanistan)

Ms. Nasrine Gross, Expert, Global Justice Center

11:45 – 1:00 Case Study - The DRC and the use of rape as a war crime

Chair - Sen. Eme Ufot Ekaette (Nigeria)

Ms. Ruth Tuma, MP (Uganda), PGA Executive Committee Member

Ms. Sabine Muhima Bintu, MP and Ms. Angèle Tabu Makusi, MP, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Ms. Janet Benshoof, President, Global Justice Center

1:00 – 2:30 Lunch

2:30 – 4:00 Gender and the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – Bridging the Current

Gap and The Beijing Platform of Action +15

- Women and Girls with Disabilities
- Education and Training of Women
- Ensure Basic Human Rights for Women

Chair – Ms. Marie Norden, MP (Sweden), PGA Executive Committee Member  
Dr. Nafis Sadik, Envoy of the UN Secretary General for HIV and AIDS in Asia and the Pacific  
Dr. Donya Aziz, MP (Pakistan), PGA Executive Committee Member  
Ms. Megan Brinster, International Disabilities Alliance (IDA)  
Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai, MP (Sierra Leone), PGA International Council Member

4:00 – 4:30 Open Discussion/Closing