



National Assembly of the
United Republic of Tanzania

Seminar for East and Southern African Parliaments

**Preventing and responding to violence against women and girls:
From legislation to effective enforcement**

Dar es Salaam, from 5 to 7 December 2012

Organized by
The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the National Assembly of the United Republic
of Tanzania



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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

As part of its campaign *Parliaments take action on violence against women*, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, together with the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania, is organizing a seminar for East and Southern African Parliaments entitled "Preventing and responding to violence against women and girls: From legislation to effective law enforcement". We are pleased to invite your parliament to take part in this event, which will be held from 5 to 7 December 2012 in Dar es Salaam. The proceedings will be conducted in English.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide parliamentarians of the region with the elements of a comprehensive and multisectoral response to violence against women and girls and familiarize them with the components of legislation to effectively tackle this scourge. Special emphasis will be placed on prevention and parliamentary mechanisms to secure effective enforcement of legislation, including parliament's oversight and budgetary powers and ability to monitor and facilitate law enforcement. Parliamentarians of the region will be able to exchange experiences and know-how and ultimately identify what parliamentary action can be taken to ensure respect for the fundamental rights of women and girls, most notably their right to a life free of violence.

The target parliaments are invited to send a delegation of four members, preferably composed of both sexes, with experience in human rights and the status of women, or who are members of a parliamentary committee dealing with violence against women and girls.

Please find attached the provisional programme, information note, registration form and hotel reservation form. Travel costs and costs associated with participation must be borne by individual parliaments. We would be grateful if you could register your parliament by **9 November 2012 latest**.

We sincerely hope that your parliament will be able to participate in this meeting and look forward to receiving confirmation of your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you soon in Dar es Salaam.

Please accept, Madam President/Mr. President, the assurance of our highest consideration.

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