



## Agenda for the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians in Africa and the Arab World

**Third Edition of the South-South Parliamentary Dialogue Forum,  
Headquarters of the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco,  
April 28-29, 2025**

| Date           | Time          | Venue                                    |
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| April 29, 2025 | 12:00 - 2: 00 | Headquarters of the House of Councillors |

### Introduction

The meeting of women parliamentarians in Africa and the Arab World serves as a vital platform to enhance cooperation and coordination among women parliamentarians from various countries across the two regions. The event aims to facilitate the exchange of experiences and unify efforts to strengthen the role of women in political and legislative work. This meeting provides an opportunity for parliamentarians from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds to discuss common challenges faced by women in parliamentary settings and to develop innovative solutions to enhance their effective participation in decision-making. Additionally, the event seeks to highlight critical issues affecting societies, such as women's empowerment, girls' education, gender equality, and combating violence against women. These efforts contribute to promoting societies sustainable development and building more just and prosperous.

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|      | <p><b>* Theme one: Discussion of launch of the Legislative Empowerment Program for African Women Parliamentarians</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This program aims to review exemplary and pioneering Arab laws concerning the political, economic, and social empowerment of Arab women.</li> <li>-It will focus on priority laws in Africa, such as women's rights, combating gender-based violence, economic empowerment laws for women, women's mental health, protection of women's cultural heritage, safeguarding the rights of refugee women and protecting them from exploitation, eradicating child marriage, and supporting working mothers.</li> <li>-The program will also provide technical support to African parliamentarians to update their national legislation in line with Africa's priority laws.</li> </ul> |



## **\*Theme Two: Proposals for Discussion**

### **1.Launch of an Annual Forum for Women Parliamentarians in Africa and the Arab World**

The forum, to be held either in person or virtually, will discuss pressing parliamentary issues facing the two regions. Topics will include poverty alleviation, women's illiteracy, reproductive health, early marriage, and other issues directly impacting women's lives in Africa and the Arab World. These topics will be discussed from a parliamentary perspective, with a focus on how legislative councils can take necessary actions to address these challenges effectively. (Interventions by participants)

### **2.Organizing Training Workshops for African Women Parliamentarians**

These workshops will focus on leveraging technology to enhance and develop their parliamentary performance. The training aims to empower parliamentarians to use modern technological tools to improve the effectiveness of their parliamentary work, enhance communication with communities, and support data-driven decision-making. (Interventions by participants)

### **3.Launch of an Annual Recognition Award for Outstanding Women Parliamentarians**

The award will honor exceptional women parliamentarians in both regions, with two categories: one for African women parliamentarians and another for Arab women parliamentarians. The award aims to celebrate the remarkable achievements of women parliamentarians and recognize their contributions to promoting democracy and equality in their societies. (Interventions by participants)