



## Side Event 53<sup>rd</sup> Human Rights Council Session

### Women's Leadership and Political Participation

Friday, 7 July 2023

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through Webex (<https://ungeneva-vc.webex.com/ungeneva-vc/j.php?MTID=mcb78b6b14f637ae39b5df26dedab45c8>)

The full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in the country's political life is a fundamental right recognized by international human rights instruments, a critical tool for realizing gender equality, and a vessel for sustainable development.

This side event will provide an opportunity to come together and share good practices on women's inclusion in public affairs and leadership positions, to discuss challenges and to adopt ambitious and forward-looking objectives for the full and effective achievement of gender equality and women's leadership.

#### Opening remarks:

**H.E. Mr Alexandros Papaioannou**, Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

#### Keynote messages:

**Ms Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

**Prof. Maria Gavouneli**, Head of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights

#### Panel speakers

- H.E. Mr **Andranik Hovhannisyan**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- Ms **Monica Ferro**, Director of the UNFPA Office in Geneva
- Ms **Zeina Hilal**, Manager of the Gender Partnership and Youth Participation Programmes, IPU

The event is co-organized by **the Permanent Missions of Greece, Costa Rica and South Africa,**

and co-sponsored by **the Permanent Missions of Armenia, Portugal, Timor-Leste, the UNFPA Office in Geneva and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.**