

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

Participation by the general public

55th session (8 – 26 July 2013) and
Pre-session for the 57th session (29 July – 2 August 2013)
Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XVI

I. Consideration of Reports by States Parties

The Committee will examine the reports of the following States parties during its 55th session: **Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cape Verde, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Serbia and United Kingdom.**

II. Documentation

The reports of the States parties to be considered at the 55th session, the provisional agenda (CEDAW/C/55/1) and other documents pertaining to the session are available online at: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/cedaws55.htm>.

III. Venue

The 55th session of the Committee will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva in conference room XVI. The pre-session working group for the 57th session will also take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva in conference room XVI.

IV. Registration

All individuals who wish to attend any sessions of the Committee are required to be duly registered. In order to register, all individuals must fill-out and submit the “Conference Registration Form” (<http://goo.gl/261iF>). This form must include the full title of the institution, school or other relevant affiliation (under “Delegation/Participant of Country/Organization or Agency”), the name of the applicant and date of birth; the country of origin of the passport or national identity document, including the passport or document number and date of validity; address, telephone number, and e-mail, as well as address in Geneva and official occupation. **The form, which must be dated, should be submitted by e-mail to cedaw@ohchr.org no later than 24 June 2013** so that arrangements can be made for the issuance of United Nations ground passes to enter United Nations premises. Representatives who submit forms that are illegible, incomplete or after the deadline may not be registered.

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V. Additional Information

For further information about the treaty bodies in general, specific information on CEDAW and on the participation and role of civil society with the reporting procedure, please consult the following links:

- <http://www2.ohchr.org>; and
 - <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/CivilSociety.aspx>
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