

COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

Participation by the general public

**50th session (3 to 21 October 2011) and
Pre-session for the 52nd session (24 to 28 October 2011)
Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XVI**

I. Consideration of Reports by State Parties

The Committee will examine the reports of the following eight States parties during its 50th session: **Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mauritius, Montenegro, Oman and Paraguay**, with respect to the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (the Convention).

II. Documentation

The reports of the eight States parties to be considered at the 50th session, the provisional agenda (CEDAW/C/2011/50/1) and other documents pertaining to the session are available online at: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/cedaws50.htm>.

III. Venue

The 50th session of the Committee will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva in room XVI. The pre-session working group for the 52nd session will also take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva in 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 United Nations Office at Geneva "Conference Registration Form" which can be obtained from the CEDAW Secretariat (cedaw@ohchr.org). This form must include the full title of the institution, school or other relevant affiliation (if none, simply indicate profession), the name of the representative (as the name appears on the national passport), and the proposed dates of attendance (which usually coincides with the dates of the session). **The form must be submitted by e-mail to cedaw@ohchr.org no later than 19 September 2011** 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

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