



WOMEN'S  
PARLIAMENTARY  
CAUCUS

# NEWSLETTER

## November 2022



## KEY EVENTS

- Workshop on Gender-Budgeting
- Meeting with the Speaker National Assembly
- Breast Cancer Awareness Program
- Hearing on Gender-Budgeting
- Karachi Visit
- Meeting with Resilient Women Network
- Meeting with Federal Minister for Narcotics Control
- National Conference of Women's Parliamentary Caucus

# GENDER BUDGETING



## WORKSHOP ON GENDER-BUDGETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

*"Gender-Budgeting is a vital tool for effective legislation to safeguard women rights, promote gender equality, inclusion and justice."*

Secretary WPC Ms. Shahida Rehmani

A workshop on Gender-Budgeting was organized for Women's Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) Members and Parliamentarians at WPC Secretariat by a delegation under the Chairmanship of the Head of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Asia, Mr. Mirco Gunther.

Secretary WPC Ms. Shahida Rehmani strongly advocates gender equality in the country. She regards gender-budgeting an essential tool to ensure effective legislation and resource allocation to safeguard women rights, promote gender equality, inclusion and justice in the country



Parliamentarians discussed future areas of collaboration with FES Asia in the workshop. Secretary WPC Ms. Shahida Rehmani and WPC members appreciated FES support for gender justice and gender equality in Pakistan



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## MEETING WITH SPEAKER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Hon'ble Speaker National Assembly Mr. Raja Pervez Ashraf held a meeting with Team FES Asia and Secretary WPC Ms. Shahida Rehmani at Parliament House. Hon'ble Speaker appreciated recent initiative of WPC on Gender-Budgeting.

He applauded Ms. Rehmani's initiatives for capacity building of the Women Parliamentarians for effective and inclusive legislation on women-specific issues.



## HEARING ON GENDER-BUDGETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2022

Women's Parliamentary Caucus and FES Asia organized a Hearing on Gender-Budgeting. Women Parliamentarians shared their experiences regarding budget implementation and perspectives for improvement. Women Parliamentarians, apart from their party affiliations, gathered on one platform to discuss their experiences and their vision for future work to bring gender equality in the country.

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## KARACHI VISIT

NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 4, 2022



WPC arranged a visit for the FES Asia delegation to Karachi. Secretary WPC Ms. Shahida Rehmani is a staunch believer of evidence-based legislation and inclusive reforms in a country. In this regard, WPC Secretariat arranged this visit to different areas of Karachi for FES Asia: Working for gender equality and gender justice. Visits to the following areas were arranged to have a holistic insight into deep-seated gender inequalities in Pakistan:

1. Visit of NADRA Mobile Registration Van
2. Visit of COVID-19 Vaccination Center
3. Visit of Cricket Stadium: an initiative by Secretary WPC in Karachi
4. Visit of Basic Health Unit (BHU)
5. Visit of Polio Vaccination Center
6. Visit of Maternity Home (Under-Construction)
7. Visit of Water Supply Unit
8. Visit of Under-Construction School
9. Inauguration of Water Project in Karachi
10. Visit of Shrine of Mangu Peer



Secretary WPC Ms. Shahida Rehmani and FES Asia delegation held a meeting with Chief Secretary Karachi. The delegation was briefed about initiatives regarding women development in Sindh. Provisions of Gender-Budgeting in Sindh were also discussed in the meeting.







# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Women's Parliamentary Caucus and Ministry of National Health Services, in collaboration with AJM Pharma, organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Program at Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS). WPC organized this event in continuation of its participation in Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



The rationale of this program was to spread awareness among masses on Breast Cancer treatment and early diagnosis. Secretary WPC, Ms. Shahida Rehmani highlighted the need to initiate awareness campaigns on Breast Cancer on grassroots levels, from Union Councils (UC) to all across the country



# MEETINGS

## MEETING WITH RESILIENT WOMEN NETWORK

NOVEMBER 15, 2022



Secretary WPC Dr. Shahida Rehmani and Treasurer WPC Ms. Wajiha Qamar held a meeting with the team of Resilient Women Network (RWN) in the WPC Secretariat to deliberate on enhancing cooperation between provincial caucuses



## MEETING WITH FEDERAL MINISTER FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

A delegation of Women Parliamentarians under the leadership of Secretary WPC Ms. Shahida Rehmani called on the Federal Minister for Narcotics Control Mr. Nawabzada Shahzain Bugti to discuss the rampant use of drugs among youth.

Ms. Rehmani expressed her grave concerns on the rapid increase in use of drugs among youth. She reiterated that Ministry of Narcotics Control should take robust preventive measures to save the youth from this menace.

Mr. Bugti briefed the WPC delegation about different legislative measures that the Ministry is working on to save the youth from the menace of drugs.



# NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS

NOVEMBER 24, 2022



WPC, in collaboration with Resilient Women Network (RWN), organized National Conference of Women's Parliamentary Caucus at Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS), Islamabad. The Conference was organized to promote meaningful role of Women Parliamentarians in peace-building and sustainable development

Hon'ble Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan, Mr. Raja Pervez Ashraf was the Chief Guest of the Conference. He expressed his support to the platform of WPC which reflected his commitment towards making women of his homeland empowered in true spirit.





WPC believes in inclusive development and inter-provincial coordination. Therefore, Women Legislators from provincial Assemblies (Representatives of Provincial WPCs) were also invited to the Conference to share their experiences and struggles as Women Legislators. Women Legislators of federal and provincial Assemblies play a vital role in policy interventions to promote women rights and enhance their participation for the socio-economic development of a country



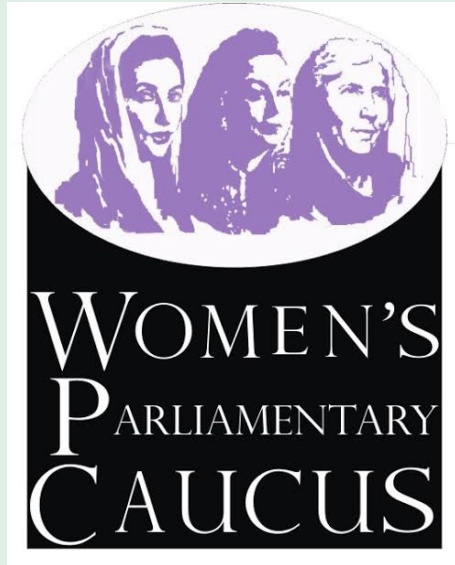
## LAUNCH OF NATIONAL COORDINATION FORUM

NOVEMBER 24, 2022



Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan officially inaugurated the National Coordination Forum which is designed by the team WPC and Anthro Insights to connect all WPCs on one platform. The purpose of the coordination forum is to engage WPCs in unanimously addressing women's issues, to jointly work on pro-women legislation, and information sharing, and to learn from each other's best initiatives.





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