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Key Events

- Sharing WPC's accomplishments with Belgian Parliamentary Delegation to WPC
- Debriefing Meeting on Gender Responsive Budgeting in Pakistan
- Workshop on Gender Budgeting in Pakistan
- Launch of Strategy Paper on Gender Responsive Budgeting

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM THE BELGIAN PARLIAMENT TO WOMEN PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS



Sharing WPC's Accomplishments with Belgian Parliamentary Delegation Visit to WPC (January 16, 2023)



A delegation from the Belgian Parliament, headed by Honorable Ms. Alessia Claes, visited the Women's Parliamentary Caucus Office. The delegation was briefed by Secretary WPC Dr. Shahida Rehmnaï and other members of the Caucus regarding their efforts and accomplishments in addressing issues pertaining to women.



The WPC team briefed the delegation about the steps taken by the Caucus to empower women through legislation and its execution in order to ensure that the country's existing laws are implemented aptly for the benefit of more than half of its population.

In her remarks, Ms. Alessia appreciated the veteran and directional efforts carried by the Caucus in the realm of women empowerment.

MEETING ON GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGET

Debriefing Meeting on Gender Responsive Budgeting in Pakistan (January 17, 2023)



The team from Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Pakistan visited the Women Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) Secretariat to meet with WPC Members and discuss Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) in Pakistan. The meeting was chaired by WPC Dr. Shahida Rehmani and attended by German experts Ms. Marion Boker and Dr. Elisabeth Klatzer.

Secretary WPC Dr. Shahida Rehmani, during her remarks, emphasized that involving women in the budgeting process is crucial to ensure that their perspectives and needs are considered while designing policies and programs.



WORKSHOP ON GENDER BUDGETING



The Women's Parliamentary Caucus (WPC), in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Pakistan, organized a one-day workshop on "Gender budgeting in Pakistan". The workshop was designed to improve the budgeting process and make it more gender-sensitive.

WORKSHOP ON GENDER BUDGETING IN PAKISTAN (JANUARY 18, 2023)

The Strategy Paper on Gender Responsive Budgeting in Pakistan was launched the day after the workshop. This paper proposes ways to address the gender disparities that currently exist in Pakistan through policy interventions and sufficient budgetary allocations to women.

In conclusion, the workshop was a part of a broader effort by the WPC to increase the role of women in the parliamentary process and ensure that their perspectives and needs are taken into account when designing policies and programs.



Launch of Strategy Paper on Gender Responsive Budgeting (January 19, 2023)



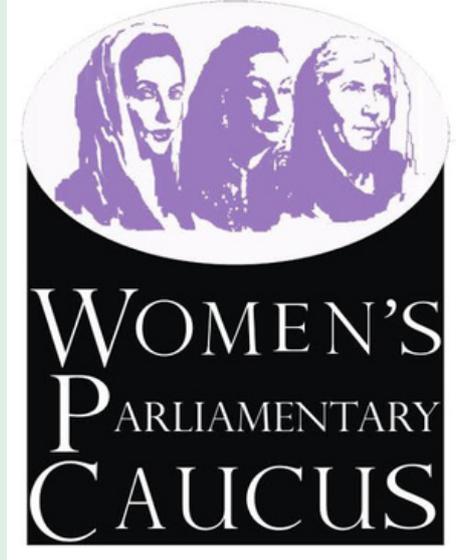
The Women's Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) launched a Strategy Paper – Executive Summary on "Gender Budgeting in Pakistan", which provides guidance and strategies for promoting a coherent approach to gender budgeting work. The WPC aims to institutionalize the gender budgeting process and to ensure that the perspectives and needs of women are taken into account while designing the policies and programs.



Speaker of the National Assembly Honorable Raja Pervaiz Ashraf emphasized the importance of empowering women for democracy to work, thanking the WPC and FES for their work in standing up for equality in the federal budget.

According to the authors of the paper, applying a gender perspective to the budget can help realize equality for all genders and ensure that benefits are distributed equally.. Dr. Elisabeth Klatzer also identified the agriculture sector as a potential area for achieving greater gender equality through new investments in farming.





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