



# Final Report & Summary of Statements

## Virtual Meeting on Women and Family –Based Economy



March 9, 2021  
Tehran, Iran

The Virtual Meeting on Women and Family –Based Economy was held on March 9, 2021 in Tehran, Iran. The Meeting was hosted by the Islamic Parliament of Iran and parliamentary delegations from following Asian Parliaments participated in the Meeting:

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cyprus, Iran, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Russia, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, UAE, Vietnam and Yemen.

[\(Attachment I\)](#)

### 1. Opening Session:

- Welcoming address by Ms. Dr. QASEMPOUR, Leader of the Women Caucus of the Islamic Parliament of Iran:

“It gives me immense pleasure to announce that the Asian Parliaments have responded positively and warmly to the initiative and invitation put forth by the Women’s Faction of the Iranian Parliament...From Tehran the capital of Islamic Republic of Iran. I extend my welcome to honorable participants.”

- Video Message by H.E. Dr. QALIBAF, Honorable Speaker of the Islamic Parliament of Iran:

- Our societies need to benefit from the participation of women as another half of the world population,

- Women Economic Empowerment is considered as one of the important goals of development. In this vein, women can reduce poverty, motivate economic growth,

Production and effective increase of productivity, by showing their potential talents and achievement of their rights as well as obtaining economic welfare and mental peace.

I hereby would like to stress on some practical hints:

1. Women participation in decision making process is deemed as an empowering process and provides opportunities for collective decision making and thoughtful ideas,

2. As regards protective approaches due attention should be given, more than ever , to mental, cultural, structural and legal elements and the most important action in this regard is to focus on women capabilities,
3. One of the major challenges is under-representation of women in higher managerial levels, and in decision making and decision taking positions in every corner of the world. Women, as committed and responsible citizens, play vital role in changing destination of the society.
4. The US Administration strive as before, to take hostage the living and livelihood of the people in certain countries including in the Continent of Asia by resort to terrorism mechanism of sanction, attempt to disrupt administrations or making countries stateless. We do not allow them to take hostage living of people by exercising cruel policies of domineering system.

I call on you as honorable legislators to pay due attention ever than before to move forward for strengthening peace process, stability, development and further welfare of the Asian nations through exchange of views and mutual cooperation and slate to our governments the effective and practical approaches in this respect.

- Video Message by H.E. Ms. GABRILA CUEVAS Barron, Ex. IPU President:

- The need for realization of gender equality and gender justice,
- It is a setback not to have done much to use full potential of women due to the prevailing barriers and problems,
- Statistics indicate that women do not have effective interaction with the society,
- Potential of women is not rightly noticed, despite the fact that women constitute 50% percentage of the total population of the world and can be actively get involved in various spheres,
- Women roles in various aspects, including in the family and other domains should be fully taken in to account, because of the heavy responsibility left on their shoulder.
- As families need financial resources to cover their expenses, this has encourage a large number of women to seek for careers in different positions.
- Due to the central role women play in the community and economy, they are able to lead their own life and freely decided by themselves.
- During the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, women have played a central role in the forefront of the fight in this virus crisis.
- In our capacity as a member of parliament, I should pinpoint under representation of women in the parliaments. Only a little more than 25% of seats have occupied by women. This situation should be addressed in favor of an increase in the number of women parliamentarians.

- Statement by H.E.Mrs. ASUMAN ERDOĞAN, Representative of APA President and Head of APA Group of Turkey:

- All forms of discrimination stemming from the differences between men and women should be eliminated so that both men and women together obtain their esteemed places,

- We should bear in mind that our countries will be more advanced and prosperous when women find their respected places. This can be done through raising awareness in the society, education and creation of appropriate professional and labor condition. No doubt, parliamentarians shoulder hectic duties in this respect.

-Though we are witnessing an increasing growth of women participation in various arena in different societies, nevertheless we have still long distance from our ideals and the pursuits to be followed for promotion of women status. Therefore, appropriate legislative mechanisms should be sought in order to be able to specifically pursue women issues.

-Sustainable development stands in forefront of women empowerment in the area of employment with due regards to creation of more suitable condition for their occupation.

•We should work hand in hand with women in the fight against devastating impacts of the corona virus pandemic. This calls for dialogue among various social category of people in order to take necessary decision in various levels.

-Cooperation and dialogue on the international level and sharing ideas regarding women-related issues in various regions will contribute to the effective measures to be taken in each individual countries. This point has become more vital as globalization and migration have rendered this issue rather transboundary. Last but not least, the strategies and efforts aimed at strengthening women in all areas of life abovementioned must be developed based on the fact that the internal and external dynamics as well as political, social, cultural, and economic realms are all intertwined.

It is imperative to promote women status in scientific fora and trade arena.

- Video Message by Dr. MAJIDI, APA Secretary General:

-Women empowerment constitutes the key strategic ingredient of the policies pursued in every society for realization of sustainable development.

-Women contribution in various domains is considered as one of vital elements of progress in various societies

- APA attaches great importance to participation of Women in various international arena. Since its establishment, APA has pursued some specific policies for promotion of women status.

- During these years, APA has spotlighted women issues and concerns and has made every effort for advancement of sustainable development.

- Promotion of women status in Asia at national, regional and international levels is one of the keyobjectives pursued by the APA Special Committee for Promotion of Women Status.

- Statement by Ms. Dr. QASEMPOUR, Leader of the Women Caucus of the Islamic Parliament of Iran:

We believe that failure to take benefit from potential of women in various economic, social, cultural and political spheres, it would be too difficult to achieve this development objectives, hampering women activities in every aspect, including in economic sphere. On the contrary, participation of women in economic domains, will bring positive and valuable results. To this end, I would like to refer to a couple of these results as follows:

1. Women economic activities will raise their social awareness and insight, leading to their self-confidence, and their independent personal mental and moral growth.
2. Women participation in decision making process, will result in promotion of their dignity and status in the society,
3. Enhancement of women managerial power will lead to material and intellectual productivity of family. Therefore, it is imperative to take action to step forward through planning in legal fields in order to be able to make proper arrangement for empowerment of women with due respect to their interests and shares in the course of development and their enjoyment of such blessings. Therefore, Considering the important status of legislature in changing the social atmosphere, therefore, it is incumbent on parliament to adopt necessary policies and mechanisms in order to be able to pave the way for proper, balanced and sustainable development for excellence and human dignity of women.

- Therefore, it is necessary to consider welfare and subsistence of women, role of the family in interaction with government in the economic field, successful experiences in entrepreneurship and home jobs, family empowerment and creation of state structures for realization of the mentioned goals.

- To place Family based economy atop their plans in women affairs and encourage them to actively participate in various political, economic and cultural positions by getting aware of vital role of women in different development process, special attention should be attached to participation of women in various social arena.

- Statement by Ms. Dr. PASHAEE, Head of APA Group of the Islamic Parliament of Iran:

-Securing Social welfare and economic order hinges upon attaching due attention to the vital role of women in the society,

-Women participation in all economic aspects is of vital importance and the key elements for achieving sustainable development.

-Any movement intended to lead to the development social welfare and economic order depends on cooperation of women.

- Development and growth of science and technology needs women contribution as an important section of human investment of the society.

- Today, a noticeable part of knowledge based companies share women experience in their job creation and added value.

-To promote status of women and their dignity in its real sense needsto have a realistic acceptance of natural differences between women and men and avoid certain unjustified comparisons between the two genders. It should be also noted that reliance on women's talents and capabilities, purposeful targeting and choice of reasonable programs, improvement of logical thinking, and to allow linkage between wisdom and emotions and showing sensitivity to the development of time as well as participation in social activities are all signs of growth and development, especially in women entrepreneurship skill.

- I will deliver a report of this Webinar to the Special Committee of APA Women Parliamentarians under the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs to be held in Tehran, Iran.

## **2- General Statements:**

The Head of delegations of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cyprus, Indonesia, Lebanon, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Palestine, Russia, Syria, Thailand and UAE made Statements.

- The following points underlined in the statements:

- Attaching due and special attention to the particular situation facing women and making efforts to curb further vulnerability of women as the aftermath of corona virus outbreak,

- Collective measures of countries to extend their support to the issue of women and family as vital mechanism helping to promote their esteemed role and status in the society,

-Taking practical measures to pave the grounds for participation of women in economic and political arena, especially at regional and international for a. Attaching due and special attention to the particular situation facing women and making efforts to curb further vulnerability of women as the aftermath of corona virus outbreak,

-Creating equal social and political opportunities for women and their participation in the social and economic growth and development.

- Creating and appropriate legal bedrock to increase participation of women in line with development, job creation and entrepreneurship for women, particularly women breadwinners,

- Making necessary effort for enactment and approval of efficient legislations for removal of barriers and problems hampering economic and social progress of women,

-To study causes and removal of legal impediments banning participation of women in the society and working to increase potentials in this area, especially in respect of appointment of women to managerial positions, further attention to gender justice from various aspects,

-Attaching due attention to the health and welfare of women and family, economic empowerment of women and strengthening role of family as a key important priority.

-Raising awareness and social insight of women and giving due attention to the importance of social status of women,

Adoption of legal mechanisms aimed at promoting status of women as the key function of parliamentarians,

-Creating equal social and political opportunities for women and their participation in the social and economic growth and development.

APA is expected to submit report of this Meeting to the Meeting of Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs in the Coming July.

### **3- Intervention by members of women's caucus of Islamic Parliament of Iran:**

- H.E.Ms. FATEMEH RAHMANI:

- Social insurance is of great importance for protection of women against disability, disease, retirement and other cases,

- Plans for social protection of women, will ease access of women breadwinner to financial sources helping to have greater role at home as a decision making person.

- Changing current approaches and mentalities in the protective policies and programs devised for women is imperative for safeguarding women breadwinners and increasing their economic empowerment.

- H.E. Ms. SARA FALLAHI:

-COVID 19 outbreak, greatly affected global economy which faced women with devastating impacts.

- Under the current global pandemic, participation of women in economic arena has impacted their family condition. In many countries, most particularly in Asia, women have faced a hard situation in their path toward playing a triple role as wife, mother and administrator,

- In Iran, we have designed various policies to protect women and management of women breadwinner under the unfolding global pandemic

- Female parliamentarians in the Islamic Parliament of Iran are ready to share their experiences with other countries and benefit from experiences of other countries in respect of protection of women.

### **4- Closing:**

- Closing Remarks by Ms. Dr. QASEMPOUR:

“We have successfully concluded our Virtual meeting and I wish to once again express my sincere appreciation to all of you who have shared and contributed your valuable thoughts and national experiences with your fellow parliamentarians.”



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### List of Participants

COUNTRIES	SURNAMES	POSITIONS
AFGHANISTAN (Islamic Republic of)	NAHEED FARID	HEAD of DELEGATION
	NILOFAR JALAL KOOFI	MP
	SAMIN BARIKZAI	MP
AZERBAIJAN (Republic of)	HIJRAN HUSEYNOVA	HEAD of DELEGATION
	NIGAR ARPADARAI	MP
	PARVIN KARIMZADE	MP
BANGLADESH (People's Republic of)	AYESHA FERDOUS	HEAD of DELEGATION
	KANIZ FATEMA AHMED	MP
	NARGIS RAHMAN	MP
Bhutan		
CAMBODIA (Kingdom of)	KHENG LORK	HEAD of DELEGATION
	MARIYAS KOP	MP
	MOM SANDAP	MP / SENATOR
	SOCHEATH NGUON	MP
CYPRUS (Republic of)	NICOS TORNARITIS	HEAD of DELEGATION
EMIRATES (United Arab- UAE)	MOHAMMED AL-KASHF	HEAD of DELEGATION
	AYESHA AL-MULLA	MP
	NIDAL AL-TUNAJI	MP
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	FATEMEH QASEMPOUR	HEAD of DELEGATION
	MASOUNEH PASHAEI BAHRAM	HEAD OF IRAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE IN APA
	SHIVA QASEMI POUR	MP
	FATEMEH RAHMANI	MP
	SARA FALLAHI	MP
Indonesia	Ms. Irine Yosiana Roba Putri	MP
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	SULEIMENOV A ZHULDYZ	MP
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LEBANON (Lebanese Republic)	INAYA EZZEDDINE	HEAD of DELEGATION
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OMAN (Sultanate of Oman)	TAHIRA BINT ABDUL KHALIQ AL LAWATI	MP

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	AYESHA RAZA FAROOQ	SENATOR
	MUHAMMAD ALI KHAN SAIF	SENATOR
	ZEESHAN KHANZADA	SENATOR
	FAIQA ABDULHAYE	DEPUTY SECRETARY
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QATAR (State of)	AISHA AL-MANNAI	MP
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RUSSIA (Federation of)	TAMARA PLETNEVA VALENTINA	HEAD of DELEGATION MP
	VASILINA KULIEVA	MP
	SVETLANA ZHUROVAA	MP
SYRIA (Arab Republic of)	MAYSAA SALEH	HEAD of DELEGATION
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	NUHA MAHAYRI	MP
	MARIET KHORY	MP
	FAYZEH AZBEH	MP
	MAJD ABO ZAIDAN	MP
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### Program of Work Virtual meeting on "women and family-based economy"

Local Time in TEHRAN-IRAN

TIME	PROGRAM	DETAILS
11:00 a.m - 11:03 a.m	Opening Session	
11:03 11:06	Video Clip Presentation	
11:06-11:09	Welcoming address by Ms.Dr. QASEMPOUR President, Women Caucus of Parliament of Iran	
11:09-11:22	A Message from H.E.Dr. QALIBAF Honorable Speaker of the Parliament of Iran	
11:22 –11:28	Statement by H.E.Ms. GABRIELA CUEVAS BARRON, Former IPU President	
11:28-11:35	Statement by H.E.Ms. ASUMAN ERDOĞAN, Head of Turkish Delegation to APA (T.B.C)	
11:35-11:42	Statement by Dr. MAJIDI, APA Secretary General	
11:42-11:49	Statement by Ms. Dr. QASEMPOUR President, Women Caucus of Parliament of Iran	
11:49-11:56	Statement by Ms. Dr. PASHAEE, head of APA Group of Parliament of Iran	
11:56-12:00	Video Clip Presentation	
12:00-13:40	Statements by heads of delegations (Alphabetical Order) AFGHANISTAN – AZERBAIJAN- BANGLADESH- CAMBODIA- CYPRUS- EMIRATES- *INDONESIA- *KAZAKHSTAN- LEBANON- OMAN- PAKISTAN- PHILIPPINES- QATAR- RUSSIA- SYRIA- TAJIKISTAN- THAILAND- TURKMENISTAN- VIETNAM- YEMEN.	(Each honorable member could make a speech around 5 Minutes)
13:40-13:55	Interventions by members of women's caucus of Iran Parliament: - H.E.Ms. FATEMEH RAHMANI – H.E.Ms. SHIVA QASEMIPOUR – H.E. Ms. SARA FALLAHI	Each participant has the opportunity to participate 3 minutes
13:55-14:00	Closing Remarks, Final Report and Conclusion by Ms. Dr. QASEMPOUR	