



UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS

Український Жіночий Конгрес

FOURTH UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS

DAY 1. NOVEMBER 25, 2020	
10:00-10:15	OPENING REMARKS
10:15-10:30	KEYNOTE SPEECH
10:30-11:30	<p>SPECIAL FORMAT. THE ANALYSIS OF LOCAL ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE</p> <p><i>This discussion aims to debate the outcomes of the local elections in Ukraine. To evaluate the changes in the national legislation in terms of quotas and open party lists as well as how that has influenced the women political participation. What kind of issues appeared during the election – did the election process comply with the pandemic prevention regulations? How was the election process like and whether the women's rights to participate at the election have been ensured without any discrimination? What international observers conclude about the elections, especially in the context of gender equality and preventing discrimination during the election process? After elections, how did the women's and men's political participation change on the regional level?</i></p>
11:30-12:00	BREAK
12:00-13:00	<p>DISCUSSION PLATFORM 1. THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN PEACEBUILDING</p> <p><i>What are the prospects for involving women in the national peace process around settlement of the temporarily occupied territories issue? Can the experience of women military soldiers in international peacekeeping missions be applied in the peace process in Ukraine? What are international best practices for involving women in peacekeeping and peacebuilding?</i></p>
13:00-13:30	BREAK

13:30-14:30	<p align="center">DISCUSSION PLATFORM 2. GENDER-SENSITIVE BUSINESS</p> <p><i>Are equal working conditions created for women and men in enterprises? What kind of barriers and stereotypes are out there for women's role in business? Do enterprise companies implement the best gender-sensitive practices in their internal policies? Are there any issues?</i></p>
14:30-15:00	<i>BREAK</i>
15:00-16:00	<p align="center">DISCUSSION PLATFORM 3. WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT</p> <p><i>Does legislation ensure equal conditions and proper protection for entrepreneurship for men and women? The pandemic consequences – do women-entrepreneurs, who lost their small and medium businesses due to the pandemic, get support? Are there any soft loan options for small and medium businesses run by women? What are the success stories of women's entrepreneurship on the regional level?</i></p>
DAY 2. NOVEMBER 26, 2020	
10:00-10:15	KEYNOTE SPEECH
10:15-10:30	<i>BREAK</i>
10:30-11:00	KEYNOTE SPEECH
11:00-11:30	<i>BREAK</i>
11:30-12:30	<p align="center">DISCUSSION PLATFORM 4. GENDER EQUALITY IN THE NATIONAL POLICIES AND GLOBAL AGENDA</p> <p><i>Foreign ambassadors will share their thoughts and respective countries' experience on implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in their national policies, on ensuring gender equality and protection of human rights in particular.</i></p>
12:30-13:00	<i>BREAK</i>
13:00-14:30	LIVE: LVIV – KYIV – MARIUPOL

	<p style="text-align: center;">REGIONAL POLITICS & DECENTRALIZATION: WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR GENDER EQUALITY?</p> <p><i>How has the pandemic affected regional politics and programs implementation in terms of ensuring equal rights and opportunities for women and men? Which are the prospects for developing the local gender policy after elections as well as is the gender policy on their agendas? Which tools and measures does the local authorities introduce to ensure the needs of different groups of women and men?</i></p>
14:30-14:45	CLOSING REMARKS