



Press Release
Arab women Committee Meeting- Session 39
And Preparatory meeting for Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) 64th
9th & 10th of February 2020
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, Social Affairs Sector, Women- Family and Childhood Directorate will convene Arab Women Committee- Session 39, under the rotating presidency of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to be preceded by the Arab Regional preparatory meeting for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-64) in cooperation with the United Nations Women, on 9th and 10th of February, 2020, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

H.E. Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General for Social Affairs, confirmed the importance of convening the Arab regional preparatory meeting for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women on 9/2/2020 in cooperation with UN Women and other international partners to reach a consensus Arab statement to be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women 64, pertaining to renewed Arab commitment to the principles of the Beijing Platform for Action, and a present messages and recommendations from the member states of the Arab League relating to the implementation of Beijing Platform for Action.

These messages will reflect the priorities of the region for the next five years to coincide with the next regional review of "Beijing + 30", and Arab region fundamental contribution based on the recommendations emanating from the outputs of the Arab regional Report prepared jointly with UNWOMEN and ESCWA on the progress made in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform of action after twenty-five years to reflect the regional dimension of the various contexts related to the twelve critical areas of concern and issues of the empowerment of women in the Arab region from an analytical rather than narrative basis, a report that will be presented during the work of the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York, March 2020.

Ambassador Abu Ghazaleh further stated that the Arab Women Committee 39th session agenda includes 16 important items concerned with the empowerment of women in the Arab region and the efforts undertaken by the League of Arab States – Women, Family and Childhood Directorate, in implementing both the sustainable development agenda 2030, the women Peace and Security agenda and the role of women in eliminating terrorism and providing safe societies in implementation of related Security Council resolutions, issues related to violence against women, as well as presenting the cooperation programs with regional and international organizations in the field women empowerment. The Women, family and childhood Directorate will also give a comprehensive brief of all related activities implemented by the General Secretariat for the year 2019-2020.

The Preparatory meeting and the Arab Women Committee session will be attended by Ministers and heads of national committees concerned with women's affairs in the Member States and relevant regional and international organizations.