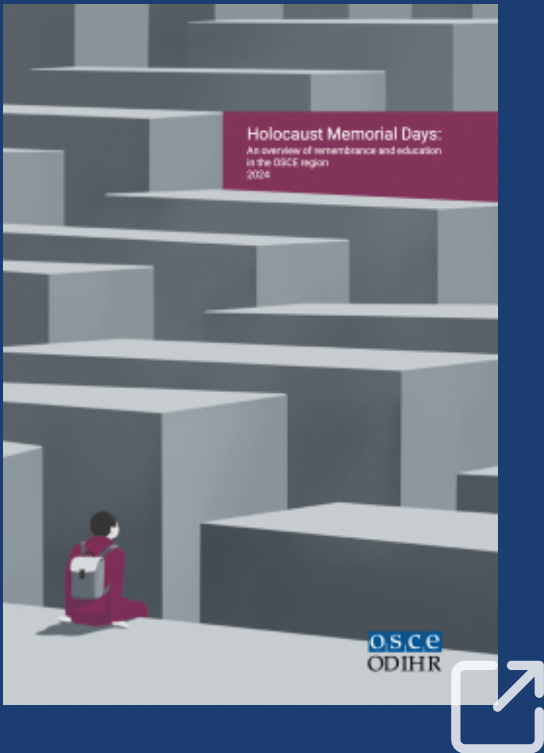


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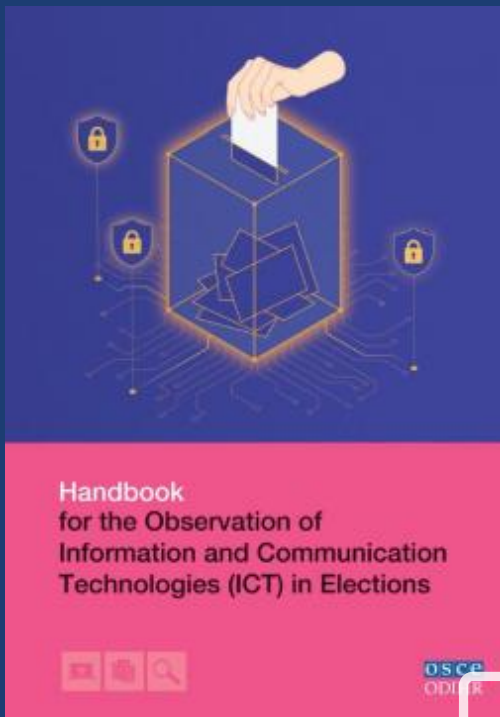




Holocaust Memorial Days

This publication provides information on when, where and how OSCE participating States promote the commemoration and study of the Holocaust, including the genocide of Roma and Sinti, in line with their OSCE commitments.

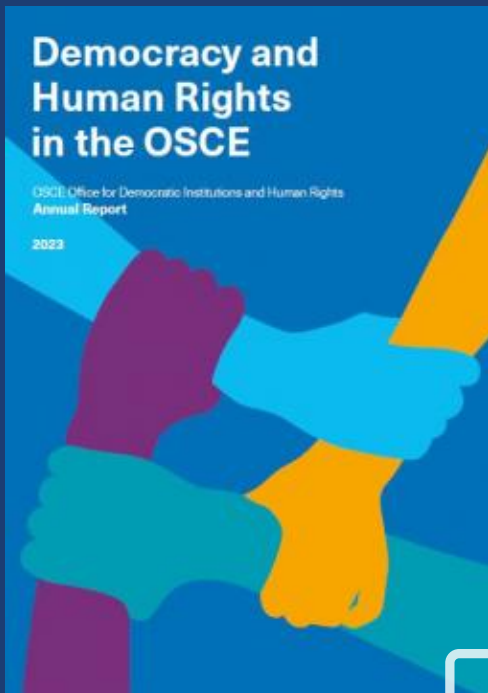
January



Handbook for the Observation of Information and Communication Technologies in Elections

This handbook updates the ODIHR methodology for the observation and assessment of ICT used during voting and counting processes and includes new aspects such as electronic registration, verification of voters and candidates, and cybersecurity issues.

February



Democracy and Human Rights in the OSCE: The ODIHR Annual Report 2023

This report highlights the impact of activities carried out by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in 2023.

March

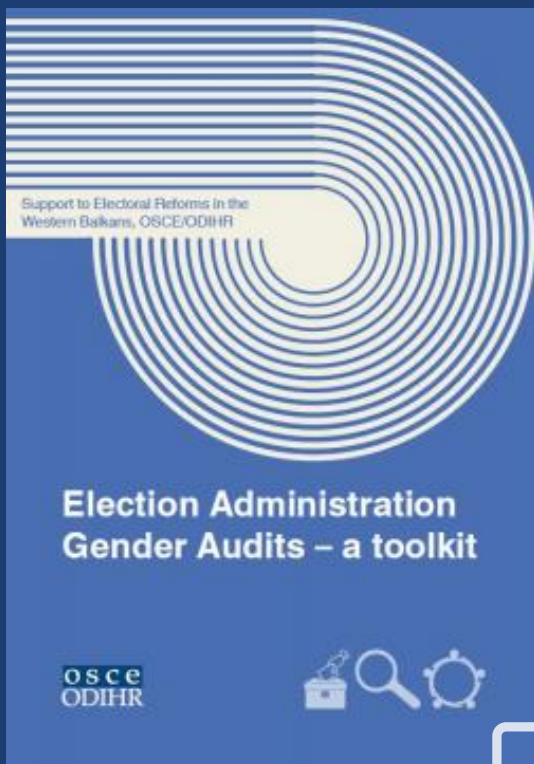




Comprehensive Support for Hate Crime Victims – Factsheet

The STARS initiative contributes to improving existing standards on hate crime victim support and enables criminal justice institutions, government representatives and civil society organizations to provide effective support to hate crime victims.

April



Gender audit of Election Administration – Toolkit

This toolkit is designed for assessing the gender-responsiveness of election administrations across the 57 OSCE participating States. Conducting gender audits of EMBs is good practice for ensuring that women and men participate and benefit from the election administration and the electoral processes on equitable terms.

April



ODIHR Election Observation to the 2024 European Parliament Elections — Factsheet

This factsheet explains the purpose of the special election assessment mission to the 2024 European Parliament Elections.

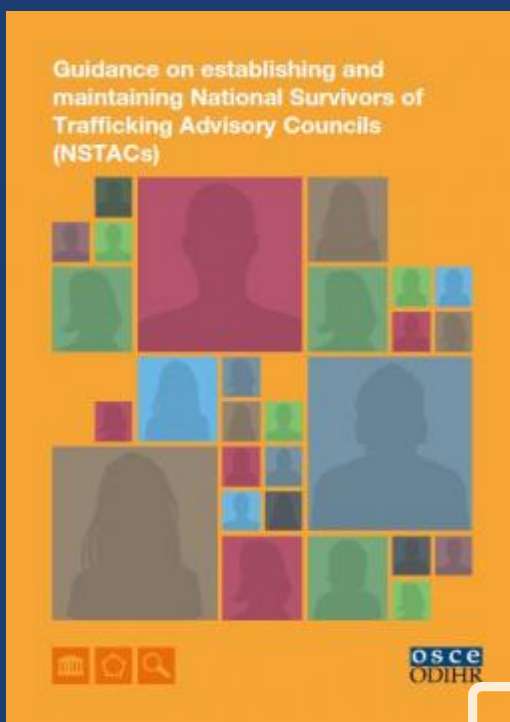
May



Including the voices of hate crime victims in policymaking and policy implementation – a practical guide

This guide examines the experience and practices of national stakeholders and sets out practical guidelines to follow when engaging with hate crime victims for policymaking or policy implementation purposes. It draws inspiration from the work that practitioners across the EU and OSCE region have done to support and protect victims of domestic violence, trafficking in human beings and war crimes.

June



Guidance on establishing and maintaining National Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Councils (NSTACs)

This guidance provides practical information for OSCE participating States on how to establish and structure National Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Councils (NSTACs).

July



Fifth Interim Report on reported violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in Ukraine

Also available in [Ukrainian](#) and [Russian](#).



July



ODIHR support for parliaments in advancing gender equality



ODIHR works in multiple areas to advance gender equality in political and public life, in line with its mandate. This includes:

1. **Promoting women's participation and leadership in democratic processes**, to ensure balanced representation of all sexes in decision-making (parliament, political parties, the executive, local government).
2. **Strengthening gender equality legislation and public policy**, as a basis for creating the conditions for a gender-sensitive and all-policy-and-decision-making.
3. **Advancing the gender sensitivity of democratic institutions**, including of parliaments and political parties, supporting them in setting up rules, mechanisms, processes, and skills to better deliver for all women and men.
4. **Strengthening governmental bodies for gender equality**, as central coordination units in charge of gender equality policy and advancing gender-responsive approaches to democratic governance.

National parliaments are central partners for ODIHR. As democratic institutions that represent the diversity of a country's population, they are best placed to lead and oversee national gender equality systems and to serve as a role model for all other institutions.



Many national parliaments already work with ODIHR.

Over the decades, ODIHR has continuously affirmed its approach for cooperation with national parliaments and is a global leader on advancing gender equality in politics. ODIHR can bring added value to your work with national partners.

All assistance is based on **constructive, OSCE-wide data collection and research**. Alongside the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, ODIHR regularly surveys national parliaments, to better understand their needs, good practices and challenges, and also the trends across the different regions of the OSCE. ODIHR and its partners have the research and analytical OSCE-dedicated **tools, guides and handbooks – change-oriented publications made for parliaments**. They present both diverse case studies and step-by-step guidance on how to address different challenges.

By engaging with ODIHR, your parliament can receive this **quality and evidence-based assistance**, tailored to your requirements, to help you **implement your mandate on representation, lawmaking and oversight**.



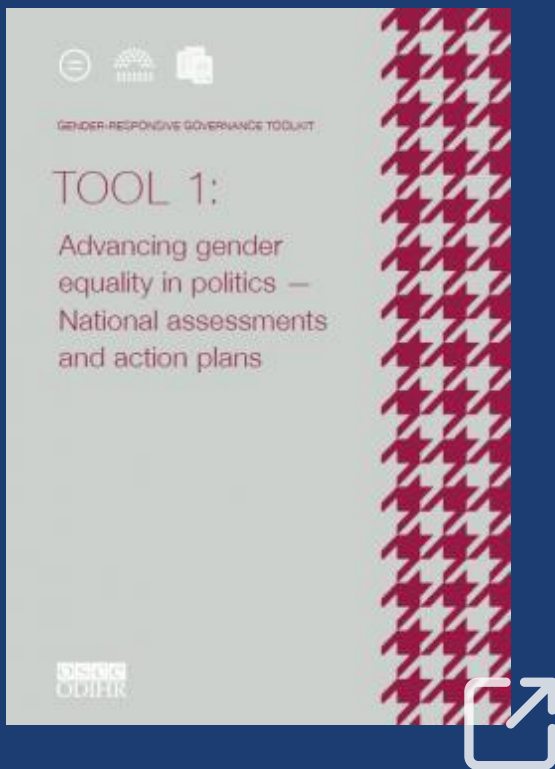
ODIHR support for parliaments on advancing gender equality – Factsheet

This factsheet describes how ODIHR works in multiple areas to advance gender equality in political and public life.

Also available in [Russian](#).



September



Gender Responsive Governance Toolkit, Tool 1: Advancing gender equality in politics – National assessments and action plans

This publication explains gender equality in political life in terms of access, voice and transformation and provides guidance on how to conduct a national assessment of gender equality in political life and on how to develop a national action plan based on the findings of the assessment.

Also available in [Russian](#).



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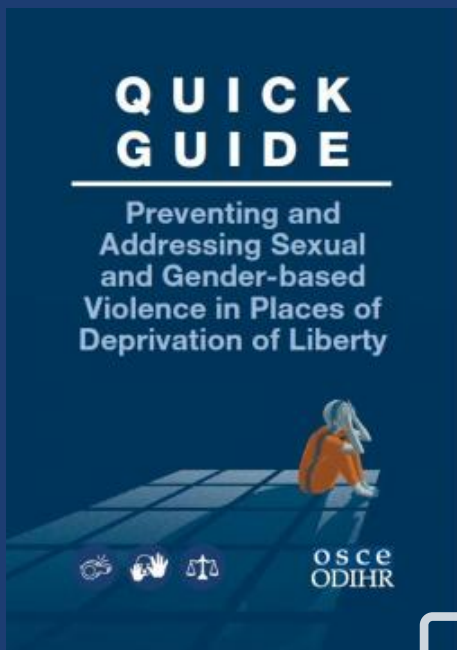
Gender Responsive Governance Toolkit, Tool 2: Transforming political parties from within — Gender audits and action plans

This publication complements ODIHR's online gender audit tool and provides practical guidance on how to conduct gender audits and implement gender action plans.

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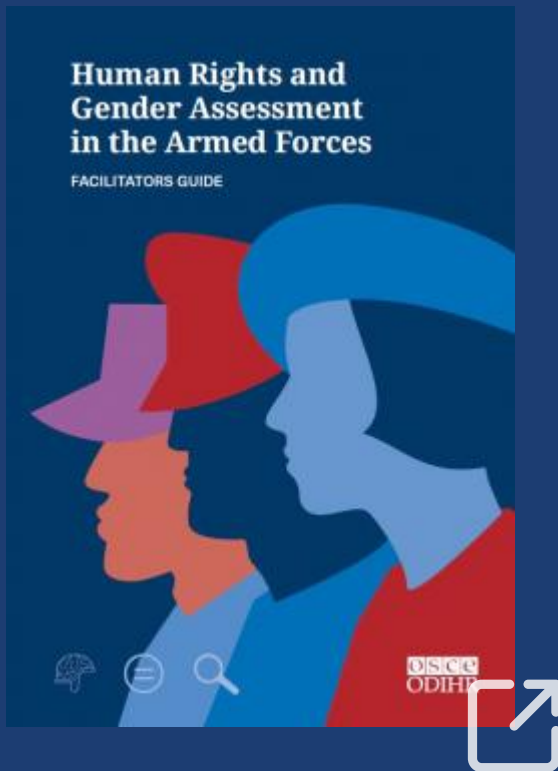
Quick Guide on Preventing and Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Places of Deprivation of Liberty

This is a quick reference book containing practical information about the problem of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in criminal justice facilities. It proposes various safeguards to prevent and respond to such violence. This guidance is for practitioners working in criminal justice systems, especially those involved in arresting, investigating, interviewing or detaining suspects, those accused of a crime and prisoners or detainees.

Also available in [Russian](#) and [Polish](#).



September



Human Rights and Gender Assessment in the Armed Forces — Facilitators Guide

This publication offers comprehensive guidance on how to conduct human rights and gender self-assessment in the armed forces to contribute to proper respect for, protection and promotion of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of armed forces personnel.

September

OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation to the 2024 General Elections in the United States of America



As a participating State of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the United States of America, through the State Department, has invited the OSCE to observe the forthcoming elections taking place on 5 November 2024. The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is the primary OSCE institution for election observation. This is the seventh time since 2002 that ODIHR has observed elections in the United States, most recently, ODIHR observed the 2022 mid-term elections.

First steps

ODIHR carries out pre-election Needs Assessment Missions (NAMs) in all OSCE participating States holding national elections. A NAM is a fact-finding visit that examines election preparations and recommends what type of election observation mission to deploy. The final for these elections took place from 12 to 15 May 2024.

During the NAM, the ODIHR team met various representatives from the government, justice parties and the election administration, as well as public and private media and civil society. These meetings enabled a thorough assessment of election preparations and any potential challenges. The NAM looked at the legal framework and technical preparations and considered the concerns of key political stakeholders.

The NAM report was published on 9 July 2024, and is available on the OSCE website.

Observation format

In line with the outcome of the pre-election needs assessment, ODIHR has deployed a Limited Election Observation Mission (LEOM) to the United States. The LEOM format is used where the focus is more on the pre-election environment, election preparations, the campaign, media coverage and the handling of election disputes, or where there are concerns or raised about the technical administration of the voting process on election day. A core team is based in Washington D.C., and Long-term Observers (LTOs) are deployed across the country and will stay for a couple of weeks after election day to follow the tabulation and announcement of the results and any (pre-) election electoral dispute resolution. ODIHR has not deployed any short-term Observers (STOs) to monitor election-day proceedings and the LEOM will not undertake a systematic and comprehensive observation of election-day proceedings.

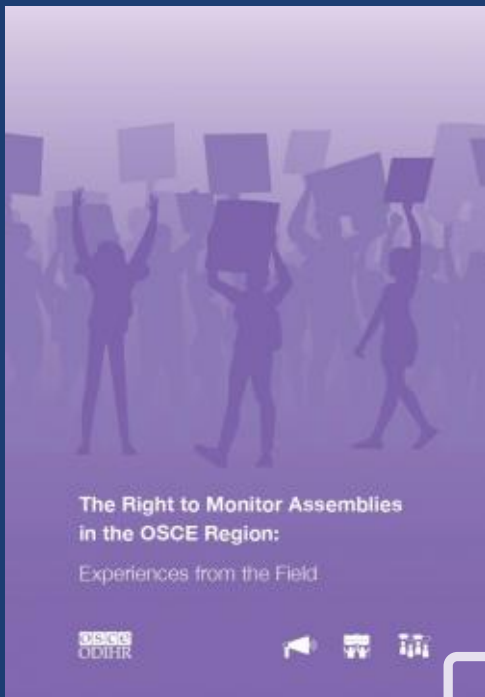
Closer to election day, the ODIHR LEOM will be joined by observers from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) who will just observe the election-day procedures in several states. At that point, the ODIHR and OSCE PA observers will form an International Election Observation Mission (IEM).

The observation mission to the United States will provide a comprehensive analysis of the entire election process for its compliance with the commitments made by all OSCE countries to hold democratic elections, and with other international standards and national legislation.

OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation to the 2024 General Election in the United States of America

This factsheet explains the purpose of the Limited Election Observation Mission to the United States General Elections.

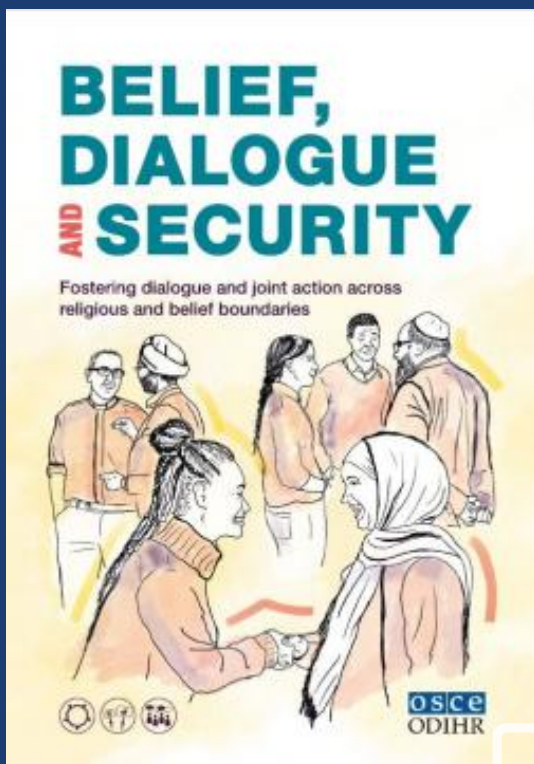
October



The Right to Monitor Assemblies in the OSCE Region: Experiences from the Field

ODIHR regularly facilitates exchanges between civil society organizations, academia and OSCE field operations on conducting assembly monitoring. This report builds on these exchanges, focusing on the work of civil society actors in particular, and makes recommendations for participating States on how to facilitate the work of assembly monitors.

October



Belief, Dialogue and Security – Fostering dialogue and joint action across religious and belief boundaries

This guide responds to calls from participating States for guidance and practical tools to help them create an environment that enables fruitful dialogue and joint action across religious and belief boundaries.

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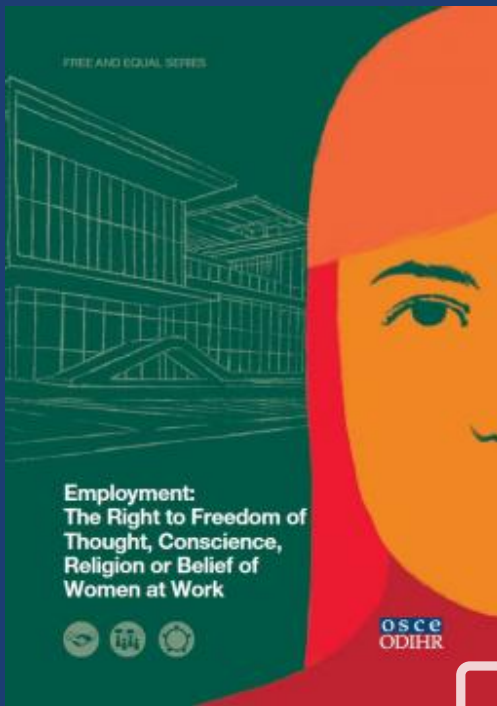
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Including the voices of hate crime victims in policymaking and policy implementation – factsheet

This factsheet outlines ten guiding principles for the meaningful and considerate inclusion of hate crime victims' voices in policymaking and policy implementation processes. It summarizes the key points from the practical guide on Including the Voices of Hate Crime Victims in Policymaking and Policy Implementation.

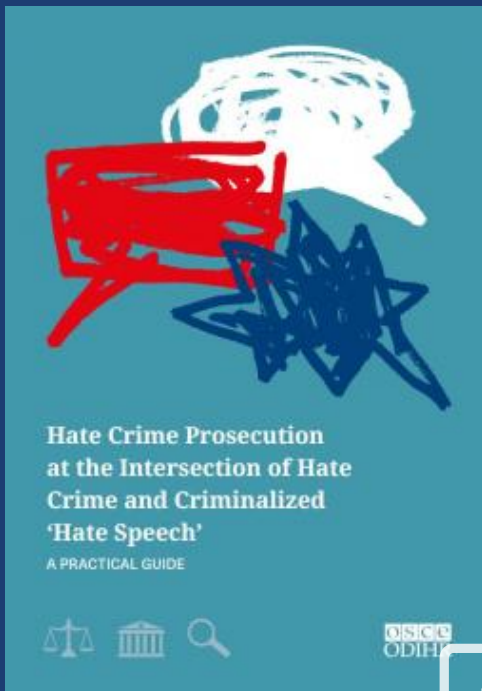
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Employment: The Right to Freedom of Thought, Conscience, Religion or Belief of Women at Work

This explainer offers OSCE participating States, businesspeople, unions, civil society organizations and religious or belief groups practical recommendations to ensure respect for, and the protection of women's right to FoRB in employment.

November



Hate Crime Prosecution at the Intersection of Hate Crime and Criminalised ‘Hate Speech’: A Practical Guide

This guide outlines the legal and conceptual differences between hate crime and criminalized ‘hate speech’ and the consequences of misapplying ‘hate speech’ provisions to prosecute hate crime, providing practical guidance on how to avoid this; and making recommendations on how to improve practice at the national level.

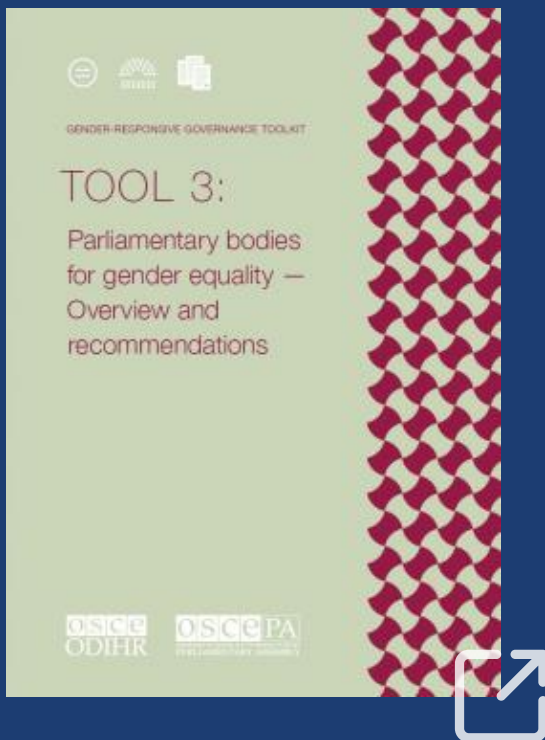
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December





Gender Responsive Governance Toolkit, Tool 3: Parliamentary bodies for gender equality – Overview and recommendations

This tool shows how parliamentary bodies for gender equality are one of the key gender mainstreaming mechanisms available to national parliaments, and assesses their role and function within parliaments.

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Terrorism or Violence: A
Guide for Detention Monitors

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