

**Introductory remarks**  
**Panel: Reports from the Regions: Achievements, Gaps and Challenges**

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among women. Trafficking in women and girls was of concern to many Governments. The persistence of discriminatory legislation was noted in some countries.

Responses indicated that attitudes towards the gender equality and empowerment of women among the general public and within Government bureaucraci