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Legislative business

Women MPs demand capacity building

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Women parliamentarians have demanded support and capacity building for them to actively participate in the legislative business.

The two-day workshop on “Legislative Business and Role of Parliamentarians in Pro-Women Legislation”, organised by the Aurat Foundation, concluded at Bhurban on Thursday, said a press release.

National Assembly Joint Secretary Muhammad Mushtaq gave a detailed presentation on drafting and moving bills, resolutions and motions; raising calling attentions notices and point of orders; and putting questions and supplementary questions. He also highlighted how parliamentarians could benefit from researchers, editors and other parliament staff.

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PML-N MNA and Women Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) General Secretary Shaista Pervaiz said that although more pro-women laws are needed, there is strong need for effective implementation of these laws.

A total of 211 women parliamentarians joined the National and provincial assemblies after the 2013 general election. Of them, 144 came to the parliament for the first time, and hence needed information and training in legislative business.

The workshop was organised with the support of Trocaire and Australian Aid.