

AGREE/DISAGREE STATEMENTS

Here is a list of suggested statements that can be used to provoke discussion on attitudes and values. Choose those which best fit the group you are working with and the context in which you are working. Where necessary, change the wording to ensure the statements feel relevant to your particular context.

- ▶ The political party is in the business of winning elections, not trying to change gender relations. OR The parliament/local council is in the business of making and implementing laws, not trying to change gender relations. OR The Elections Commission is in the business of running elections, not trying to change gender relations. OR Our civil society organization is fighting for ISSUE, not trying to change gender relations.
- ▶ Work on gender equality should focus on women because men won't change - they benefit too much from gender inequalities to want to change them.
- ▶ We must respect rather than challenge the patriarchal authority of male political leaders.
- ▶ Work on women's empowerment must be careful not to provoke a crisis of masculinity.
- ▶ The best way to motivate men to reject patriarchal masculinities and embrace gender transformation is to appeal to them as fathers, or potential fathers.
- ▶ There is too much emphasis on violence against women and girls and not enough attention given to violence against men and boys.
- ▶ Gender equality will come at a high cost for men.
- ▶ Women political leaders will make the country less prosperous and less safe/will mismanage government

