As discussed here below is a very brief description of how CEDAW could be better implemented.

Establish 3-6 regional platforms of women’s rights organisations and other experts (academic, legal) who would meet 2-4 times annually.

Their role would be to both raise awareness of CEDAW across their regions amongst civil society organisations, public bodies and parliamentarians and gather evidence for the CEDAW reporting process.

They would be linked into and supported by WRC as the co-ordinating body for the England shadow report.

Additionally the standing platforms would then prioritise 3-5 of the CEDAW committees concluding observations upon which to work with their area women’s rights organisations and defenders to advocate for implementation with relevant public bodies and their area M.P’s.

The standing platforms would also send one delegate each to the relevant pre sessional working group of the committee and the UK examination process.

We would also recommend a national committee/platform which included representatives from the regional platforms, WRC and other identified experts and Parliamentarians to advocate to government on CEDAW and priority policy areas linked to concluding observations.

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