

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

*Interparliamentary Committee Meeting**

WOMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS

Thursday, 7 March 2013 from 9.00 to 12.30

European Parliament, Room József Antall 2Q2, Brussels

Chair: Mikael Gustafsson

DRAFT PROGRAMME

8.00 - 9.00 *Registration of participants*

9.00 *Opening by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament*

Panel 1 Financial and economic crisis and its effects on women: "wise women" - best practices from women-professionals

9.15 - 10.15 Interventions by:

- Michelle Bachelet, UN WOMEN Executive Director (tbc)
- Sylvia Walby, Professor of Sociology at Lancaster University
- Salomé Mbugua, Representative of AkiDwA (Akina Dada wa Africa)
- Sasha Bezuhanova, Hewlett-Packard, Director Public Sector for Growth Markets

Debate

Panel 2 Overcoming the crisis - Experiences and best practices from national Parliaments

10.15 - 11.30 Interventions by Members of National Parliaments

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Debate

Panel 3 How can the EU support Member States in strengthening women's social and economic rights during the crisis?

10.30 - 12.30 Interventions by:

- Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
- Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Vice-Chair of FEMM Committee, Rapporteur on "Impact of the economic crisis on Gender Equality and Women's Rights "
- Lucinda Creighton TD, Minister of State with Special Responsibility For European Affairs (tbc)

Debate

12.30 *Cocktail reception*

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