

THE SPIRIT OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS: ADVANCING SOCIETY



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Dear Speaker,

Building up on the success of the Annual Summit 2013 of the "Women in Parliaments Global Forum" (WIP), when for the first time all female Parliamentarians worldwide were invited to gather in a unique conference and to discuss with Heads of State, Nobel Peace Prize Winners and Intergovernmental Institutions, **WIP is now inviting the Parliamentarians to its "Summer Summit 2014" in Kigali, Rwanda from 1 to 3 July 2014.**



Allow me to address you today in your capacity as Speaker of the Parliament of Denmark in order to **kindly invite you to set up a delegation of female Members of your Parliament to participate in the WIP Summer Summit 2014.**



The event will be held in cooperation with the Parliament of Rwanda, which for the first time in its history will open its plenary for a conference of female Parliamentarians from around the world. On Friday, 4 July 2014, the day after the summit, all participants will also be invited to take part in the official celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Liberation Day of Rwanda.



Rwanda is the country with the highest percentage of female Parliamentarians - 64% of the seats are held by women. In the election of 2008, Rwanda became the first country to have a majority of women in its Parliament. **The WIP Summer Summit 2014 will give participants first-hand insights into Rwandan society, with a special focus on female social, economic and political empowerment.**

The WIP Summer Summit 2014 will be opened by the President of the Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda and a large number of prominent speakers for the Keynote Speeches and Panel Discussions have already confirmed their participation.



Field Visits organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Gender of Rwanda, the World Bank, UNDP and UN Women as well as other Partners of WIP will give participants unique insights into local projects exemplary for gender equality and female empowerment. A Gala Dinner will complement the formal parts of the summit and contribute to the event's unparalleled occasion for female members of Parliament to meet and exchange ideas with the aim of advancing society.

A "Save the Date" has been recently sent to all female members of national Parliaments, of which there are approximately 9000 worldwide. Formal invitations will follow in the coming weeks. We will be sending you a draft programme via email shortly. Further updates and information can be found on the event website at: <http://www.wip-gf.net/events/wip-summer-summit-2014-rwanda>.

It would be a great honour and indeed a strong signal if a delegation of female Parliamentarians from your Parliament would join the WIP Summer Summit from 1 to 3 July 2014 at the Parliament of Rwanda in Kigali. It would be tribute to your Parliament's and your country's dedication to gender equality and to advance society by encouraging female participation in politics.

I sincerely hope that I have succeeded in illustrating the unique occasion the WIP Summer Summit 2014 in Rwanda would provide for **the female members of your Parliament to spread their voices to the world and gain insights to leading ideas in decision-making.**

In keen anticipation of your answer,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Silvana Koch-Mehrin', is written over a faint, circular watermark of the WIP logo.

Silvana Koch-Mehrin

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Dear Honorable,

RE : WIP STUDY TRIP TO RWANDA

I refer to the letter ref.n°167/P/CD/ADV/ME/2014 of 18 February 2014 by which I confirmed to you that Rwanda Community accepted to host the WIP Study Trip from 25 to 27 June 2014 and to the email sent to you on March 17, 2014 related to the changes in dates of the Study Trip which is confirmed to take place from 1st to 3rd July 2014 to enable the delegates to attend the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan Liberation Day scheduled on 4th July, 2014.

Thus, I reiterate my confirmation on the new dates of this WIP Study Trip which is an incomparable opportunity for all of us to share experience in transforming society and empowering women between female parliamentarians from different countries. I also cordially invite all delegates in WIP Study Trip to the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan Liberation Day.

Looking forward to hearing from you, please accept, Dear Honorable, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.


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Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies

CC:

- Rt.Hon. President of the Senate
- Hon. Deputy Speaker (both)
- Madam Clerk of the Chamber of Deputies

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