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# WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS GLOBAL FORUM (WIP) WIP ANNUAL SUMMIT 2015

“NEW LEADERSHIP FOR GLOBAL CHALLENGES”

23-25 MARCH 2015

AFRICAN UNION HEADQUARTERS, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

THE SPIRIT OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS: ADVANCING SOCIETY

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## OVERVIEW

“New Leadership for Global Challenges” is the theme of the WIP Annual Summit 2015, **co-hosted by the African Union** and **co-financed by the European Commission**. It focuses on the need for leaders that are willing to work together, and share insights and innovations on how best to navigate the future. This is why special attention is given to the definition and implementation of international commitments which define our near future (post-2015 Development Agenda). The WIP Annual Summit 2015 celebrates the 20th anniversary of the blueprint for advancing women’s rights, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and will mobilise political will for the next steps.

Female Parliamentarians from around the globe are attending the WIP Annual Summit 2015. It presents a unique opportunity for conference participants to discuss the most pressing issues on the global agenda from a wide range of perspectives; and to take part in political dialogues that reflect the influence of female decision-makers in today’s world.

The prestigious **WIP Awards** are presented at the WIP Summit 2015 to those countries, which are recognised for their political empowerment of women, and to countries which show regional leadership in closing the gender gap in politics. The awards are based on the rankings of the World Economic Forum’s “Global Gender Gap Report”, which are compiled in collaboration with the Harvard University and University of California, Berkeley.

The venue of the WIP Summit 2015 is the Nelson Mandela Hall in the **Headquarters of the African Union**. International Institutions such as the European Union, OECD, United Nations and the World Bank are integral part of the WIP Annual Summit 2015, and will provide Working Sessions. An interactive Media Training for female politicians is provided by Thomson Reuters.

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Venue: African Union Commission Headquarters, Roosevelt Street, W21K19, Addis Ababa

## MONDAY, 23 MARCH

09:30 Arrival and registration of participants

11:00-11:30 **OPENING SESSION**  
NELSON MANDELA HALL

- **Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma**, Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- **Neven Mimica**, EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
- **Hailemariam Desalegn**, Prime Minister of Ethiopia
- **Hon. Bethel Nnaemeka Amadi, MP**, President of the Pan-African Parliament
- **Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Founder of WIP and former Vice-President of the European Parliament

11:30-11:45 **KEYNOTE SPEECH BY HIGH LEVEL SPEAKER**

11:45-13:15 **PLENARY SESSION - PANEL: OUR PLANET IN 2030: A WOMAN'S WORLD?**

The world will reach a turning point in 2015. This year, the willingness of countries to commit themselves to the next round of development goals will be put to the test, as these goals are negotiated and decided upon by the United Nations Member States. This panel will discuss the lessons learned since 2000, when 189 countries pledged to make progress on eight Millennium Development Goals in 15 years. The panel will regenerate commitment, charge up political will and give special attention to the role female political leaders play in defining development and ensuring accountability.

13:15-15:00 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

15:00-16:00 **WIP AWARDS CEREMONY**

- Winners in the categories "Political Empowerment"
- Regional winner in closing the gender gap "South Asia"

16:00-16:30 **COFFEE BREAK**



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### 16:30-18:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

#### PANEL: THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

16:30-18:00, NELSON MANDELA HALL

**“EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD”, NELSON MANDELA**

Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights defines education as a basic human right and calls for making it free, at least at the fundamental levels, and compulsory. Countries at all income levels have expanded and improved their education systems significantly in the past half century. However, enormous challenges still remain. About 126 million children are not enrolled in primary or lower- secondary school. Future generations need today’s leaders to raise their voices and take action to make education a top priority on the international political agenda. This panel will address:

- *How to overcome gender disparity in accessing education*
- *Highlight successful actions to make the right to an education a priority.*

#### PANEL: THE FUTURE OF HEALTH

16:30-18:00, ROOM TBC

Universal access to health is a fundamental right which has been recognised by many international charters. Still, women experience a large gap in access to care and women die every year from easily prevented illnesses. Child mortality, maternal mortality, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and the spread of HIV/AIDs are all major public health concerns which directly affect women and which need forceful international attention. Women are key contributors to the economy and society and good health is critical for the full participation of women. This panel will address:

- *Improving access to health care for women*
- *Increasing awareness of gender specific diseases*
- *The wider implications of stable health systems and a healthier population - from peace, security and economic perspectives*

#### PANEL: THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

16:30-18:00, ROOM TBC

The lack of international cooperation creates a governance vacuum that regional organizations are well-placed to fill. Stronger regional organisations can play a vital role in attaining broader results. The objectives for cooperation may vary, but cooperation across borders in regional networks is crucial to take joint action. This panel will address:

- *Benefits of regional cooperation – best practice examples*
- *Improving female political participation via regional cooperation*



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### PANEL: THE FEMALE POLITICAL CAREER

16:30-18:00, ROOM TBC

Despite recent progress, women are still a small minority in politics. Gender specific obstacles to participating in political life remain, as well as experience of disproportionate levels of threats, harassment and violence. The class ceiling has not yet been shattered, but does have some cracks. This panel will address:

- *Presentation of the joint WIP / World Bank Study on “The Female Political Career”*
- *How can the non-legal barriers for women in politics be abolished?*

18:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH BY HIGH LEVEL SPEAKER

18:15 FAMILY PHOTO

18:30 DINNER & WIP AWARDS CEREMONY

Venue: tbd

- Regional winners in closing the gender gap



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## TUESDAY 24 MARCH

09:30 Arrival of participants

10:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH BY HIGH LEVEL SPEAKER**

10:15 **WIP AWARDS CEREMONY**

- Regional winners in closing the gender gap

10:45-11:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH BY HIGH LEVEL SPEAKER**

11:00-11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30-13:00 **PLENARY SESSION - PANEL: THE END OF POWER? – REDEFINING LEADERSHIP**

In the world as we know it today, power is shifting: from nation states to non-state actors and from institutions to less formal networks. The exercise of traditional power is constrained as established “big players” are being challenged by “small players”. The tools to shape and influence the world have changed with emerging new technologies allowing people to exercise direct influence. This fast changing environment calls for a new type of flexible, innovative leadership which offers an opportunity for different styles of governance.

13:00-15:00 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

15:00-17:00 **WORKING GROUPS**



- **Working Group**  
**BUILDING BLOCKS TO A NEW WORLD: ALIGNING POST 2015 AND BEIJING+20 PROCESSES**  
Organised by **UN Women and UNDP**



This working group will explore the possibilities of streamlining implementation processes of the post 2015 stand-alone goal on Gender Equality with the Actions of the Beijing Platform. This session will further explore the role of female Parliamentarians in monitoring and providing stable implementation mechanisms, building on the outcomes of the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission of the Status of Women conference in New York in March 2015.



- **Working Group**  
**TITLE TBC**  
Organised by **World Bank**



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- **Working Group**  
**THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARY NETWORKS**  
Organised by **Parliamentary Networks**

- **Working Group**  
**MEDIA TRAINING FOR FEMALE POLITICIANS: ANSWERING THOSE STUPID QUESTIONS**  
Organised by **Thomson Reuters Foundation**



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Female politicians are often stereotyped in media. The media coverage of women running for office or elected to office can significantly differ to media coverage of their male colleagues. This interactive working group will give guidance to female Parliamentarians on how to master these situations.

17:00-18:00 **REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS**

Rapporteurs present outcomes of the discussions in the Working Groups

20:00-22:00 **CULTURAL EVENING HOSTED BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT**

Venue: tbc



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## WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH

09:30 Arrival of participants

09:30-09:45 MESSAGES BY POLITICAL LEADERS

09:45-10:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH BY HIGH LEVEL SPEAKER

10:00-10:30 WIP AWARDS CEREMONY

- Regional winners in closing the gender gap

10:30-12:30 PLENARY SESSION  
NELSON MANDELA HALL

10:30-11:00 SPECIAL SESSION WITH WIP AMBASSADORS

11:00-12:30 STATEMENTS BY NATIONAL DELEGATION LEADERS

12:30 CLOSING REMARKS & FARWELL LUNCH





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### VENUES

#### **AFRICAN UNION HEADQUARTERS**

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### HOTELS

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### SOCIAL MEDIA

Regular updates on the activities of WIP, and indeed the WIP Annual Summit 2015, can be found via our social media presence on **Twitter @WIPGlobalForum** and **Facebook /WIPGlobalForum**. These platforms also provide an opportunity to engage in discussions online, and we encourage you to support WIP and spread the message about the significance of female leadership by using **#wipsummit2015**.



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## CONFIRMED AND INVITED SPEAKERS



**Kofi Annan**  
Former United Nations  
Secretary General



**Zainab Bangura**  
Special Representative of  
the UN on Sexual Violence  
in Conflict



**Aicha Bah Diallo**  
Chairperson of FAWE and  
Trust Africa



**Gordon Brown**  
UN Special Envoy for  
Education



**Helen Clark**  
UN Development  
Programme (UNDP)  
Administrator



**Rafael Correa**  
President of Ecuador



**Corina Crețu**  
European Commissioner  
for Regional Policy



**Hailemariam Desalegn**  
Prime Minister of Ethiopia



**Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma**  
Chairperson of the African  
Union Commission



**Bineta Diop**  
Special Envoy of the AU  
Chairperson for Women,  
Peace and Security



**Reem Ebrahim Al Hashimi**  
Minister of State, United  
Arab Emirates



**Thomas Gass**  
United Nations Assistant  
Secretary General



**Natalia Gherman**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
and European Integration,  
Moldova



**Dalia Grybauskaitė**  
President of Lithuania



**Sheikh Hasina Wajed**  
Prime Minister of  
Bangladesh



**Atifete Jahjaga**  
President of the Republic  
of Kosovo



**Mari Kiviniemi**  
Deputy Secretary General  
of OECD



**Silvana Koch-Mehrin**  
Founder of WIP. Former  
Vice-President of the  
European Parliament



**Begonia Lasagabaster**  
Acting Director of UN  
Women's Policy Division,  
UN Women



**Loren Legarda**  
Senator of the Philippines



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**Carlos Lopes**  
Executive Secretary  
Economic Commission for  
Africa



**Linda McAvan**  
Chair of the International  
Development Committee,  
European Parliament



**Louis Michel**  
Member of the European  
Parliament and Chair of  
the joint EP-ACP  
parliamentary assembly



**Neven Mimica**  
EU Commissioner for  
International Cooperation  
and Development



**Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**  
Executive Director of UN  
Women



**Federica Mogherini**  
High Representative of  
the EU for Foreign Policy  
and Security Policy



**Amina J. Mohammed**  
United Nations Secretary-  
General's Special Adviser  
on Post-2015  
Development Planning



**Massouma al-Mubarak**  
First female Cabinet  
Minister, Kuwait



**Donatille Mukabalisa**  
Speaker of the Rwandan  
Parliament



**Denis Mukwege**  
Founder and Director of  
the Panzi Hospital, WIP  
Advisory Board Member



**Sri Mulyani Indrawati**  
Managing Director of the  
World Bank



**Bethel Nnaemeka Amadi**  
President of the Pan-  
African Parliament



**Carmen Omante Duvand**  
Minister for Women  
Affairs, Peru



**Stefan Oschmann**  
Vice Chairman of the  
Executive Board, The  
Merck Group



**Enrique Peña Nieto**  
President of Mexico



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Foreign Affairs, Italy



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