

INVITATION

WIP MEXICO SUMMIT 2015

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The **Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP)**, the global network of female parliamentarians and the **Senate of Mexico**, have the honour of inviting you, and a delegation of female Parliamentarians from your Chamber, to the **WIP Mexico Summit on 7-9 October 2015 in Mexico City**.

As a joint initiative by WIP and the Mexican Senate, and in co-operation with international institutions, the WIP Mexico Summit will gather female Parliamentarians from all over the world. The programme includes keynote speeches, break-out sessions and interactive panel discussions.

The WIP Mexico Summit will mark the **40th anniversary of the First UN World Conference on the Status of Women held in Mexico in 1975**. It also comes after the 2014 Constitutional reform, through which Mexico enshrined gender equality and women's empowerment in its highest legal framework. The amended Constitution now obliges political parties to respect the principle of gender parity in the composition of candidates' lists for elective office. The WIP Mexico Summit will provide an opportunity to take stock of the initial results of this reform, shortly after the country's legislative elections.

It would be a great honour and indeed send a strong signal, if a delegation of female Parliamentarians from your Parliament could join us at the WIP Mexico Summit. It would pay tribute to the dedication of your Parliament and your country to supporting gender equality and to advancing society by encouraging female participation in politics. Moreover, the WIP Mexico Summit will provide participating parliamentarians with the unique opportunity to meet and exchange with peers from all over the world.

With this in mind, we kindly invite you to set up a delegation of female Members of your Parliament to participate in the WIP Mexico Summit.

Please be advised that the programme of the WIP Mexico Summit will be sent to you shortly and regular updates will be featured on [this website](#).



The Senate of Mexico is delighted to co-host this Summit together with the Women in Parliaments Global Forum and is very much looking forward to welcoming your delegation to the WIP Mexico Summit.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or remarks at cumbrewipmexico@senado.gob.mx, or mexico2015@womeninparliaments.org

Yours sincerely,

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Silvana Koch-Mehrin
Founder Women in Parliaments Global Forum
Former Vice President European Parliament

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Miguel Barbosa Huerta', is positioned above the name block.

Sen. Miguel Barbosa Huerta
President of the Senate of Mexico