

THE SPIRIT OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS: ADVANCING SOCIETY



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Dear Pia Kjaersgaard,

The Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) has the pleasure of inviting you to appoint a **WIP Ambassador** within your Parliament. **The Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP)** is the global network of female Parliamentarians at national level, including the European Parliament, of whom there are currently around 9000. WIP is an independent, international and post-partisan foundation established with the purpose of advancing society by building a network between women in Parliaments.

WIP Ambassadors are coordinated by the **WIP Executive Board**, and serve as the **main point of contact** for cooperation and WIP initiatives and events, in their respective Parliament. They are provided the opportunity to represent their country by attending **global conferences, to network with other female Parliamentarians, and to work with WIP's numerous partner and sponsor organisations.** The current list of WIP Ambassadors can be found via www.womeninparliaments.org/ambassadors. **The full profile of a WIP Ambassador, and a rolling programme of upcoming WIP activities can be found below.**

For your information, The WIP Executive Board consists of **Ms Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Member of Parliament for Iceland, Chair of the WIP Executive Board, Ms Linda Lanzillotta, Vice-President of the Italian Senate, Ms Loren Legarda, Member of the Senate of the Philippines, Ms Lucero Saldaña, Member of the Mexican Senate and Ms Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Founder of WIP and former Vice-President of the European Parliament.** The members of the WIP Executive Board have been appointed to the board for a term of **two years**. If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Moloney, WIP, via patrick@womeninparliaments.org or Ms Arna Bang, Iceland, via arnab@althingi.is. **Once more, It would be an honour and a pleasure to have a WIP Ambassador for your country.**

Yours sincerely,



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



Linda Lanzillotta
Member of the WIP Executive Board
Vice-President of the Italian
Senate



**Hanna Birna
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Chair of the
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Lucero Saldaña
Member of the WIP Executive Board
Member of the Senate of Mexico

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Member of the Senate of the Philippines

Profile: WIP Ambassadors

The Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) is the global network of female Parliamentarians. WIP is an independent, international and post-partisan foundation established with the purpose of advancing society by building a network between women in Parliaments.

Building this network requires communication and a constant exchange of ideas. This is why WIP seeks to establish strong and direct lines of communication with all female Parliamentarians, regardless of their political, geographical or cultural background.

WIP therefore aims to rely on **WIP Ambassadors** in every Parliament. In this distinguished role the appointed Parliamentarian, appointed by the Speaker of the Parliament, would act as the WIP representative in their respective Parliament and be afforded many exclusive and high-level opportunities. WIP aims to appoint one female Parliamentarian in each Parliament across the globe who will play an important role in advancing equality, therefore this is a highly-privileged position.

WIP Ambassadors:

- **Are afforded a unique opportunity** to further raise the profile of their Parliament through WIP's international platform
- **Are the first point of reference** for WIP to contact for co-operation, initiatives and events which may involve the WIP Ambassador's Parliament or country.
- **Receive special and first-hand information** on future activities, including the possibility to provide input on WIP initiatives.
- **Act as a non-partisan representative** of WIP in their respective national Parliaments, caucuses or regions, by encouraging active female Parliamentarians from all parties to engage in WIP activities and projects, thereby fostering cross-party support for the mission and objectives of WIP.
- **Contribute to the collection of data and dissemination of information** in their national Parliaments.
- **Have the opportunity to broaden their political network** and form close ties with female Parliamentarians from across the world.
- **Attend high-level external conferences and summits** as representatives of WIP, thereby increasing their nation's voice on the international stage.
- **Engage with the network of WIP** by contributing to its different media outlets, events and campaigns.

ROLLING PROGRAMME OF THE WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS GLOBAL FORUM

PROGRAMME 2016 / 2017

- **17th-20th January:** WIP at the African Union Gender Pre-Summit; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **21st January:** WIP at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting; Davos, Switzerland
- **3rd- 5th February:** WIP Session in the Context of the OECD Parliamentary Meeting; Paris, France
- **1st - 3rd March:** World Bank Group Fragility, Conflict and Violence Forum; Washington DC, United States
- **8th March:** International Women Day, WIP Leadership Campaign
- **13th - 26th March:** WIP Exhibition at the UN, New York, United States
- **10th - 12th April:** WIP at the Global Parliamentary Conference, Washington, D.C., United States
- **12th - 13th April:** WIP at the OECD Global Parliamentary Network Meeting, Tokyo, Japan
- **26th - 28th April:** WIP at the Annual Regional Conference of Women Parliamentarians, Tirana, Albania
- **4th - 5th May:** WIP Global Summit; Amman, Jordan

- **May/June:** Screening of the documentary “He Name Me Malala” at the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
- **12th - 13th July:** African WIP Ambassadors conference co-hosted with African female Foreign Ministers at the African Union Summit on Human Rights, Kigali, Rwanda
- **25th - 27th July:** WIP Delegation to the Third Preparatory Committee for the Habitat III Conference; Surabaya, Indonesia
- **13th September:** WIP at The UN General Assembly, New York, United States
- **17 - 19 November:** WIP at the APEC Women Leaders convention; Lima, Peru
- **November:** WIP and European Institute of Gender Equality: launch of Parliamentary Index, Vilnius
- **December:** WIP in Israel
- **19th January 2017:** WIP Sessions in the Context of the World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland
- **February 2017:** Munich Security Conference, WIP Sessions
- **26th - 27th April 2017:** Conference: Women in Defence and Security, in cooperation with Maltese EU Presidency, La Valetta, Malta
- **22nd - 26th May 2017:** WIP at the UNISDR Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Cancun, Mexico
- **May 2017:** WIP Global Summit
- **Spring 2017:** WIP and BOGK: Event Surrounding the Reduction of Food Waste in the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

PLEASE NOTE THAT AN UPDATED PROGRAMME OF WIP ACTIVITIES IS AVAILABLE

AT: WWW.WOMENINPARLIAMENTS.ORG