



Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union
Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs
Secretariat of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting¹
International Women's Day 2017

"WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: LET'S ACT TOGETHER"

Wednesday, 8 March 2017, from 15.00 to 21.00
Thursday, 9 March 2017, from 09.00 to 12.30

European Parliament in Brussels - József Antall room 2Q2

Chaired by:
Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĖ, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 8 March 2017

13:00 - 14:30 Cocktail reception for members of national parliaments and Members of the European Parliament hosted by the Chair (by invitation)

15.00 - 16.00 Inauguration speeches

- **Welcome by the President/Vice-President of the European Parliament**
- **Opening by UN Women**
- **Keynote speeches by special guests:**

Dr Vandana Shiva, author, activist, pioneer, scientific advisor, mother

Michaëlle Jean, Secretary General of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie

¹ Organised in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

16.15 – 17.15 Parallel Workshops - block I

Workshop n° 1:

“Women in STEM: progress stalled or being eroded?”

Organised in cooperation with the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Workshop n° 2:

“Global perspective: freedom from violence and empowerment”

Organised in cooperation with the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) of the European Parliament

Workshop n° 3:

“Gender-sensitive policy making at the core of inclusive growth”

Organised in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

17.30 - 18.30 Parallel Workshops - block II

Workshop n° 4:

“Shall we wait a century to close the gender gaps in the labour market?”

Organised in cooperation with Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission (EC/DG JUST)

Workshop n° 5:

“Global Perspective: Women’s Economic Empowerment and the UN Sustainable Development Goals”

Organised in cooperation with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)

18.45 – 19:45 Award ceremony for the EU Prize for Women Innovators

19.45 - 21:00 Gala dinner for the EU Prize for Women Innovators with Members of national Parliaments and of the European Parliament and invited guests

Organised in cooperation with Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission (EC)

Thursday, 9 March 2017

9.00 - 9.30 **Keynote speeches by special guests:**

Lamiya Aji Bashar, Yazidi human rights activist, Sakharov Prize laureate 2016

Hauwa Ibrahim, Nigerian human rights lawyer, Sakharov Prize laureate 2005

9:30 - 10.30 Rapporteurs’ reporting from workshops

10.30 - 11.45 Debate

11.45 - 12.30 **Concluding remarks:** Commissioners, special guests