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WE CAN DO IT! ANNUAL GLOBAL SUMMIT 2017 28 - 30 NOVEMBER HARPA REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

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Dear Parliamentarian,

We are pleased to inform you that **Women Political Leaders Global Forum (WPL),** the worldwide network of female politicians, will hold its 2017 Annual Global Summit in Reykjavik, Iceland, on 28-30 November. On this occasion, WPL will convene its communities of **Women in Parliaments (WIP)** and **Women Government Leaders (WGL)**.



The Annual Global Summit is held in cooperation with the **Althingi, the Parliament of Iceland**, and is co-organised with the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iceland**. The Annual Global Summit takes place in collaboration with the **Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL)**, whose Chair, President Dalia Grybauskaite of Lithuania, will convene CWWL's network of women Prime Ministers and Presidents .Within this context ,the Global Summit is under the special aegis of Iceland's former President ,Vigdís Finnbogadottir ,the world's first democratically elected woman president and co-founder of CWWL. Iceland is the global champion of gender equality and the 2017 Annual Global Summit – titled, "We Can Do It!" – will provide a unique opportunity to showcase the Icelandic way to gender equality, as well as providing a forum for exchange on political best practices and experiences, leading to impact on legislation and political agenda-setting. This high-level conference will bring together female political leaders from all over the world. Past Global Summits have each attracted several hundred female Parliamentarians and other senior politicians to Brussels, European Parliament; Kigali, Rwanda; Addis Ababa, African Union; Mexico City; and Amman, Jordan.

Kindly note that the **President of your Parliament has been invited to** set up a delegation to attend the Annual Global Summit

2017. Should you be interested in attending the event, please fill in the registration form. Kindly be advised that the practical information and regular updates will be featured on <u>our website</u>. You might also be interested in viewing a short video of highlights from our previous Annual Global Summits (<u>Amman, Addis Ababa, Mexico, Rwanda, Brussels</u>) as well as reading the official 2016 WIP Annual Global Summit Report, which will give you an idea of the flavour of the convention.

Yours sincerely,

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