

Invitation

WPL SUMMIT 2018

6-8 June
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius, Lithuania



Dear Speaker Pia Kjaersgaard
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Dear Speaker Pia Kjaersgaard,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Women Political Leaders Global Forum (WPL) – the worldwide network of female politicians – will hold the **WPL Summit 2018 in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 6-8 June.**

It is an honour for WPL and Seimas, the Parliament of Lithuania, to extend an invitation to you, as President of Parliament, to **set up a delegation of female Parliamentarians from your country** to participate in this unique event.

The WPL Summit, **co-hosted by Seimas, the Parliament of Lithuania**, will bring together female Heads of State and Government, Ministers, Parliamentarians and Mayors from all over the world. The WPL Summit 2018 is held under the patronage of Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania, and in cooperation with the **Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL)**. President Dalia Grybauskaitė is also the Chair of CWWL and will convene CWWL's network of women Presidents and Prime Ministers on this occasion.

In 2018, Lithuania celebrates a Centenary of the Restoration of the State and 100 years of women's voting rights – a landmark political anniversary. Your country is invited to be part of a global event, highlighting women's empowerment and potential. In this spirit, the WPL Summit provides the forum for exchange on best practices around the globe: of leadership, legislation and political agenda-setting that creates results.

Past WPL Summits have each attracted several hundred female Parliamentarians and other senior politicians to the European Parliament in Brussels; Kigali, Rwanda; the African Union in Addis Ababa; Mexico City; Amman, Jordan; and Reykjavik, Iceland. Each WPL Summit is a special opportunity to take part in dialogues that reflect the influence of female decision-makers in today's world. In cooperation with international institutions such as the **European Institute of Gender Equality (EIGE), the OECD, the United Nations**, and others, the WPL Summit 2018 programme includes an outstanding selection of speakers and interactive discussions.

We are fortunate that plenary sessions will be hosted in the main Parliamentary hall of the Seimas of Lithuania. But as space is limited, delegations can include a maximum of three Parliamentarians and one staff. **We hope that you will accept our invitation and we look forward to welcoming your country's delegation in Vilnius.**

Yours sincerely,



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