WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS GLOBAL FORUM

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New Leadership for Global Challenges
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THE SPIRIT OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY: ADVANCING SOCIETY
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About WIP

The Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) is the global network of female Parliamentarians at national level, including the European Parliament, of whom there currently are 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.

Elected political decision-makers have a unique perspective on the issues relevant to people, as they are in permanent direct exchange with their electorate. Parliamentarians have privileged insight into, and influence on legislative issues as a result of continuous contact and exchange with their electorate and stakeholders.

Women need three things to fulfil their potential: communication, connection, community. At WIP, optimizing the power of communication and connection builds new communities of support for women in politics everywhere.
“New Leadership for Global Challenges” is the theme of the WIP Summit 2015, **co-hosted by the African Union and co-financed by the European Commission**. It focuses on new leadership for change; on the need for a variety of different leaders, men and women, that are willing to work together, and share insights and innovations on how best to deal with the global challenges of today and navigate the future. Special attention is given to the definition and implementation of international commitments that define our near future (post-2015 Development Agenda) within areas such as education, health, entrepreneurship and regional co-operation. The WIP Summit 2015 also celebrates the 20th anniversary of the blueprint for advancing women’s rights, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and will mobilise political will for the next steps.

Female Parliamentarians from around the world are attending the WIP Summit 2015. It presents a unique opportunity for participants to discuss the pressing global challenges; and to take part in political dialogues that reflect the influence and importance of female decision-makers in today’s world.

The prestigious **WIP Awards** are presented at the WIP Summit 2015 to countries which are recognised for their political empowerment of women, and to countries that show regional leadership in closing the gender gap in politics. The awards are based on the rankings of the World Economic Forum’s “Global Gender Gap Report”, which are compiled in collaboration with Harvard University and the University of California, Berkeley.

The venue of the WIP Summit 2015 is the Nelson Mandela Hall in the Headquarters of the African Union. International Institutions such as the European Union, OECD, United Nations and the World Bank are integral part of the WIP Summit 2015, and will provide Working Sessions. An interactive Media Training for female politicians is provided by Thomson Reuters.
WELCOME

Dear Members of Parliaments, Your Excellences,

It is an honour for me to welcome you to the City of Addis Ababa and the headquarters of the African Union.

Africa has undergone tremendous transformation since the African Union was established. We have seen an end to many conflicts on the continent, unprecedented levels of growth, progress in human development and African nations elect governments in peaceful elections. At the AU Summit this January, the continent adopted a 50 year vision for itself, called Agenda 2063. Agenda 2063 commits all Africans to work towards a continent that is peaceful, integrated and prosperous. Above all, we are building a continent where ‘women are empowered and play their rightful role in all spheres of life.’

The priorities in Agenda 2063 therefore focus on investments in people, their education and health, as well as in science, technology, engineering, research and innovation. It seeks to eliminate hunger by expanding agriculture and agro-processing; ensuring that women, who make up 70% of the agricultural workforce on the continent have access to land, to capital, inputs and markets. Through Agenda 2063, Africa will also address its infrastructure backlog, in energy, water and sanitation, transport, ICT and other social and economic infrastructure. It commits to using its mineral, oceanic and other resources to diversify economies, to industrialise, to create jobs and shared prosperity.

As I told assembled Parliamentarians in the WIP Summit 2013 in the European Parliament, the key to a lasting betterment of our society lies in achieving greater female leadership. Africa boasts 14 out of the 46 countries in the world where women account for more than a quarter of Parliamentarians. We have a strong and vibrant women’s movement on the continent, who are actively campaigning for greater representation, against child marriages, access to reproductive rights and for social and economic empowerment more generally. In Parliaments where we have a critical mass of women, we are beginning to see a difference in the laws and policies that are passed. We do however have to do more. During 2015, more than fifteen countries will have elections, and we will work hard to ensure that more women are elected.

It is with these issues in mind that we are proud to co-host with the European Commission the 2015 Women in Parliaments Summit, during the African Year of Women Empowerment and Development for the implementation of Agenda 2063.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 WIP Summit where, together, we will work to foster New Leadership for Global Challenges.

Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma
Chairperson of the African Union Commission
**WELCOME**

Dear Parliamentarian(s), dear Colleague(s),

It is with great pleasure and honour that I welcome you to the 2015 Annual Summit of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum.

The challenges facing us today are the most complex and interrelated in history. For me, as European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, nowhere is this more apparent than in the field of international development and cooperation, as is also reflected in the European Year for Development. It is therefore imperative that we develop new forms of leadership to ensure a prosperous future for all, leaving really no one behind. This, however, can only be achieved through greater female leadership.

It is with this ambitious mission that you – as Women in Parliaments – will convene at the 2015 WIP Summit. Co-hosted by the African Union in its headquarters, an organisation that has witnessed significant development in Africa, this Summit will represent the largest gathering of elected women on the African Continent. For me as a European Commissioner, the 2015 WIP Summit, co-financed by the European Commission, represents our common commitment to female empowerment, fostering new leadership, as well as Europe’s dedication to Africa.

It is therefore a special pleasure for me to welcome you to Addis Ababa in the headquarters of the African Union to establish New Leadership for Global Challenges.

**Neven Mimica**
Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
WIP AWARDS 2015

WINNERS IN THE CATEGORIES OF POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT

• Women in Parliament: Ecuador and Sweden
• Years with Female Head of State: India
• Ministerial Positions: Italy and Nicaragua

WINNERS BY REGION IN CLOSING THE GENDER GAP

• Global Winner in Closing the Gender Gap: Kenya
• South and South East Asia: Bangladesh
• South America: Peru

Honouring WIP Award Winners 2013 and 2015

Among others:

• Algeria
• Bolivia
• Ireland
• Moldova
• Mongolia
• New Zealand
• Tunisia
• United Arab Emirates
THE WIP AWARDS FOR CLOSING THE GENDER GAP

The Women in Parliaments Global Forum believes that best practice examples are most convincing and can serve to encourage others. For this reason a series of Annual WIP Awards are presented to countries that are regional champions on issues which are at the core of WIP.

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The Global Gender Gap Index was introduced by the World Economic Forum in 2006, and is a framework for capturing the magnitude and scope of gender-based disparities and tracking their progress. The Index benchmarks national gender gaps, based on economic, political, educational and health-based criteria, and provides country rankings that allow for effective comparisons across regions and income groups over time. The rankings are designed to create greater awareness among global audiences of the challenges posed by gender gaps and the opportunities created by reducing them. The methodology and quantitative analysis behind the rankings are intended to serve as a basis for designing effective measures for reducing gender gaps.

The Global Gender Gap Report’s index assesses 135 countries, representing more than 93% of the world’s population, on how well resources and opportunities are divided among male and female populations. The report measures the size of the gender inequality gap in four areas:

- Economic participation and opportunity – salaries, participation and highly-skilled employment
- Education – access to basic and higher levels of education
- Political empowerment – representation in decision-making structures
- Health and survival – life expectancy and sex ratio

(Source: World Economic Forum)
SPEAKERS
In order of appearance

Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir,
Member of Parliament, Former
Minister of Interior (Iceland),
Senior Special Advisor, WIP

Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma,
Chairperson of the African
Union Commission, WIP
Advisory Board Member

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EU Commissioner for
International Cooperation and
Development

Hailemariam Desalegn,
Prime Minister of Ethiopia

Silvana Koch-Mehrin,
Founder of WIP and former
Vice-President of the European
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Social and Economic Affairs

Rebeca Gyumi,
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Bineta Diop,
African Union Special Envoy for
Women Peace and Security

Sumitra Mahajan,
Speaker of the Indian
Parliament

Ahmed bin Mohammed Al
Jarwan,
President of Arab Parliament

Donatille Mukabalisa,
Speaker of Parliament, Rwanda

Åsa Regnér,
Minister for Children, the Elderly
and Gender Equality, Sweden

Marisol Espinoza,
Vice-President of Peru

Nikolina Angelkova,
Minister for Transport, Bulgaria

Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi,
Special Envoy for Gender,
African Development Bank

Caren Green,
Head of Gender Group, World
Bank

Shahriar Alam,
State Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Bangladesh
Aïcha Bah Diallo, Founding member of the Forum for African Women Educationalists

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Hanah Tetteh, Foreign Minister of Ghana

Carmen Moreno, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women

Françoise Berteaux, Chair of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie

Dubravka Filipovski, Member of Parliament Serbia, Founder of the Women Parliamentary Network

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Zainab Bangura, UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, WIP Advisory Board Member

Mazin Jumah, Professor, President of the Royal University for Women, Bahrain

Worku Kebade, State Minister of Health of Ethiopia

Linda McAvan, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Development Committee

Naye Bathily, Head, Global Parliamentary Unit, World Bank

Joy Gwendo, Member of the Senate, Kenya
SPEAKERS

Shinkai Karokhail, Member of the National Assembly of Afghanistan

Etlibieta Radziszewska, Deputy Speaker of the House, Poland

Helga Stevens, Member of the European Parliament, Vice Chair of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group

Irina Bokova, Secretary General UNESCO

Joyce Banda, President of Malawi (2012 - 2014)

Aisha Abdullahi, Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union Commission

Magda de Meyer, Member of the European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA)

Patricia Scotland, Baroness Scotland of Asthal, House of Lords, Member of Parliament, Asia

Miranda Calho, Vice President of the Portuguese Parliament, NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Angelika Minar, Member of the European Parliament, Vice President of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party

Marie Claire Mukasine, Senator, Rwandan Parliament, Upper Chamber, (GOPAC)

Miranda Calho, Vice President of the Portuguese Parliament, NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Begoña Lasagabaster, Acting Director of the UN Women’s Policy Division, UN Women

Bogalech Gebre, Women’s rights activist and co-founder of KMG Ethiopia

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Ximena Ponce, Member of Parliament, Ecuador, Former Minister of Economic and Social Inclusion

Shitaye Minale Tizazu, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Ethiopia

Fadikah Sarah Sako, Vice-President of the Parliament, Ivory Coast

Corina Fusu, Member of the Parliament, Moldova

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Awa Guèye, Vice-President of the Parliament, Senegal

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MONDAY, 23 MARCH

09:30 Arrival and registration of participants
Coffee served in the Lobby area

• Master of Ceremony: Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir,
Member of Parliament, Former Minister of Interior (Iceland), Senior Special Advisor, WIP

11:00 - 11:25 Opening Session
Nelson Mandela Hall

• Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma,
Chairperson of the African Union Commission, WIP Advisory Board Member

• Neven Mimica,
EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development

• Hailemariam Desalegn,
Prime Minister of Ethiopia

• Silvana Koch-Mehrin,
Founder of WIP and former Vice-President of the European Parliament

• Carlos Lopes,
Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

11:25 - 11:35 Keynote Speech
• Irina Bokova,
Secretary-General, UNESCO

11:35 - 11:45 Keynote Speech
• Yvonne Tsikata,
Chief of Staff, World Bank

11:45 - 13:15 Plenary Session – High Level Panel: Our Planet in 2030: A woman’s world?

The world will reach a turning point in 2015. This year, the willingness of countries to commit to the next round of development goals will be put to the test, as these goals are negotiated and decided upon by the United Nations Member States. WIP will discuss the lessons learned since 2000, when 189 countries pledged to make progress on eight Millennium Development Goals in 15 years. The panel will seek to regenerate commitment, charge up political will and give special attention to the role female political leaders play in defining development and ensuring accountability.
Speakers

- **Thomas Gass**, Assistant Secretary General UN Department for Social and Economic Affairs
- **Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary General SEGIB, WIP Advisory Board Member
- **Bineta Diop**, African Union Special Envoy for Women Peace and Security
- **Sumitra Mahajan**, Speaker of the Indian Parliament
- **Neven Mimica**, EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
- **Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Jarwan**, President of Arab Parliament

Session Chair: Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Founder of WIP, Former Vice-President of the European Parliament

13:15 - 15:00  **Networking Lunch**

15:00 - 16:00  **WIP Awards Ceremony**

Winner of the category Women in Parliaments
- **Presenter:** Rwanda, Global Champion in percentage of Women in Parliaments and WIP Award 2013 recipient, represented by Donatille Mukabalisa, Speaker of Parliament.
- **Recipient:** Sweden, represented by Åsa Regnér, Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality
- **Recipient:** Ecuador, Ximena Ponce, Member of Parliament, Former Minister of Economic and Social Inclusion

Regional winners in Closing the Gender Gap:
- **Presenter:** Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary General SEGIB, WIP Advisory Board Member
- **Recipient:** Bangladesh, represented by Shahriar Alam, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **Presenter:** Lakshmi PurI, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women, WIP Advisory Board Member
- **Recipient:** Peru, represented by Marisol Espinoza, Vice-President of Peru

16:00 - 16:15  **Family Photo**

16:15 - 16:30  **Coffee Break**
Today, about 200 million people globally are unemployed and estimates indicate that 600 million new jobs will be needed worldwide in the next 15 years. Otherwise, large portions of our national populations will be left behind: unproductive, unhappy and posing an increasing financial burden on social welfare programs. This panel will explore:

- The crucial role policy-makers play in stimulating inclusive growth through effective policies, regulation and incentives.
- How gender considerations are key to achieving sustainable private sector development.

Speakers:
- **Nikolina Angelkova**, Minister for Transport, Bulgaria
- **Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi**, Special Envoy for Gender, African Development Bank
- **Caren Grown**, Head of Gender Group, World Bank
- **Helen Hai**, Chief Executive Officer of Made in Africa Initiative
- **Gudrun Zollner**, Member of Parliament, Germany

Moderator: Cherie Faiella, EY Global Client Service Partner

**Panel: The Future of Regional Cooperation**
16:30 - 18:00 Conference Hall 1

Where there is a lack of international cooperation, countries and regional organisations should step in. Stronger regional networks can play a vital role in attaining broader results and consensus. The objectives for cooperation may vary, but working together across borders in regional networks is crucial to take joint action. This panel will address:

- Improving female political participation via regional cooperation
- Benefits of regional cooperation – best practice examples

Speakers:
- **Hanah Tetteh**, Foreign Minister of Ghana
- **Carmen Moreno**, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women
- **Françoise Bertieaux**, Chair of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie
- **Dubravka Filipovski**, Member of Parliament Serbia, Founder of the Women Parliamentary Network
- **Kasthuriraani A/P Potto**, Member of Parliament, Malaysia

Moderator: Jane Dudman, Guardian
Panel: The Future of Education
16:30 - 18:00 Conference Hall 2

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world“, Nelson Mandela

All countries have expanded and improved their education systems significantly in the past half century. However, enormous challenges still remain. About 126 million children are not enrolled in primary or lower- secondary school. Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights defines education as a basic human right and calls for making it free, at least at the fundamental levels, and compulsory. Future generations need today’s leaders to raise their voices and take action to make education a top priority on the international political agenda. This panel will address:

- How to overcome gender disparity in accessing education
- Successful actions to make the right to an education a priority

Introduction - Video Messages
- Gordon Brown, United Nations Special Envoy for Education
- Kailash Sartyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Speakers
- Aïcha Bah Diallo, Founding member of the Forum for African Women Educationalists
- Fidelma Healy Eames, Senator Ireland, Education Champion
- Sering Falu Njie, Deputy Director, Policy, UN Millenium Campaign
- Maria Eugenia Sequeira Ballardes, Second Vice President of National Assembly of Nicaragua

Session Chair: Mazin Jumah, Professor, President of the Royal University for Women, Bahrain

Panel: The Future of Health
16:30 - 18:00 Conference Hall 3

Universal access to health is a fundamental right that has been recognised by many international charters. Women are key contributors to the economy and society and good health is critical for the full participation of women. Still, women experience a gap in access to care and too many women die every year from easily prevented illnesses. Child mortality, maternal mortality, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and the spread of HIV/AIDS are all major public health concerns directly affecting women and which need forceful international attention. This panel will address:
- How to increase awareness of gender specific diseases and how to improve access to health care for women
- Wider implications of stable health systems and a healthier population - from peace, security and economic perspectives

Speakers
- **Shahriar Alam**, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh
- **Zainab Bangura**, United Nations Special Representative of Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Former Health Minister of Sierra-Leone
- **Dr. Worku Kebede**, State Minister of Health of Ethiopia
- **Linda McAvan**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Development Committee
- **Åsa Regnér**, Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality, Sweden

Moderator: Sarbani Chakraborty, Senior Director, Global Public Policy at Merck Serono

**Panel: The Female political Career**
16:30 - 18:00 Conference Hall 4

Despite recent progress, women are still a small minority in politics. Gender specific obstacles to participating in political life remain, as well as experience of disproportionate levels of threats, harassment and violence. The glass ceiling has not yet been shattered, but does have some cracks. This panel will address:

- Joint WIP - World Bank Study on “The Female Political Career”
- How can the non-legal barriers for women in politics be abolished?

Presentation of the WIP-World Bank Study on “The Female Political Career”:
- **Naye Bathily**, Head, Global Parliamentary Unit, World Bank

Speakers:
- **Joy Gwendo**, Member of the Senate, Kenya
- **Joanne Hayes**, Member of Parliament, New Zealand
- **Shinkai Karokhail**, Member of the National Assembly of Afghanistan
- **Elżbieta Radziiszewska**, Deputy Speaker of the House, Poland
- **Helga Stevens**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice Chair of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group

Moderator: Rick Zednik, CEO, EurActiv

18:30

**Dinner hosted by the Mexican Government**
TUESDAY, 24 MARCH

09:30 Arrival of participants
Master of Ceremony: Rick Zednick, CEO, EurActiv

10:00 - 10:15 Keynote Speech
• Lakshmi Puri,
  Deputy Executive Director, UN Women, WIP Advisory Board Member, Representing
  the Secretary General of United Nations

10:15 - 10:30 Keynote Speech
• Mari Kiviniemi,
  Deputy Secretary General, OECD Deputy Secretary General,
  OECD, Prime Minister of Finland (2010-2011)

10:30 - 11:00 WIP Awards Ceremony
Winners in the category of Political Empowerment
Ministerial Positions
• Presenter: Zainab Bangura, United Nations Special Representative of Secretary
  General on Sexual Violence, WIP Advisory Board Member
Recipients
• Italy: represented by Paola de Micheli, Under Secretary for Ministry of Finance
  and Economy
• Nicaragua: represented by Maria Eugenia Sequeira Balladares, Second Vice
  President of Parliament of Nicaragua

Global winners in closing the Gender Gap: Kenya
• Presenter: Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Member of Parliament, Former Minister
  of Interior (Iceland), WIP Senior Special Advisor
• Recipient: Kenya

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:45 Plenary Session - Panel: The End of Power? – Redefining Leadership
In the world as we know it today, power is shifting: from nation states to non-state
actors and from institutions to less formal networks. The exercise of traditional
power is constrained as established “big players” are being challenged by “small
players”. The tools to shape and influence the world have changed with emerging
new technologies allowing people to exercise direct influence. This fast changing
environment calls for a new type of flexible, innovative leadership which offers an
opportunity for different styles of governance.

Keynote Speech
• H. E. Joyce Banda, President of Malawi (2012 - 2014)

Speakers:
• Aisha Abdullahai, Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union Commission
Call for action

At the high-level event on “Women in power and decision-making: Building a different world,” held in Santiago, Chile, in February 2015, leaders of the world joined the Call for Action to step it up for gender equality. The Call to Action, initiated by UN Women and the Chilean Government, under the auspices of Michelle Bachelet, declare 2015 a momentous year for gender equality and women’s empowerment. Participants of the WIP Summit 2015 will be asked to join the Call for Action to speed up the changes to achieve full equality.

Networking Lunch

Working Groups

• Working Group
  Building blocks to a new world: Aligning Post 2015 and Beijing+20 processes
  Organised by UN Women and UNDP

This working group will explore the possibilities of streamlining implementation processes of the post 2015 stand-alone goal on Gender Equality with the Actions of the Beijing Platform. This session will further explore the role of female Parliamentarians in monitoring and providing stable implementation mechanisms, building on the outcomes of the 59th session of the Commission of the Status of Women conference in New York in March 2015.

• Working Group
  Women’s economic empowerment in artisanal and small-scale mining in Africa
  Organised by UN ECA – African Centre for Gender

Women parliamentarians are poised to play a critical role at regional, sub-regional, national and local governance levels. This session aims at reflecting on and building consensus on the concrete measures that should be taken by women parliamentarians towards empowering women in artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) in Africa.

• Working Group
  The role of parliamentary networks
  Organised by Parliamentary Networks

National, regional, or global networks of parliamentarians are proving important vehicles for enhancing cooperation and understanding for certain topics or to create cooperation across particular regions. This working session is dedicated to exploring the benefits of Parliamentary Networks by sharing experiences and to discuss their important role in a fast changing world order.
Speakers:
• **Tarun Vijay**, Member of Parliament India, World Bank Parliamentary Network
• **Magda de Meyer**, Member of the European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA)
• **Marie Claire Mukasine**, Senator, Rwandan Parliament, Upper Chamber, The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC)
• **Miranda Calha**, Vice President of the Portuguese Parliament, NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Session Chair: Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Member of Parliament, Former Minister of Interior (Iceland), WIP Senior Advisor

• Working Group
**Media Training for Female Politicians:**
*answering those stupid questions*
Organised by **Thomson Reuters Foundation**

Female politicians are often stereotyped in media. The media coverage of women running for office or elected to office can significantly differ to media coverage of their male colleagues. Women find that they are expected to justify their presence, and respond to questions which can be insulting, irritating or idiotic. During this session, participants will look at strategies for dealing with everything from communicating in a crisis, to defending the role of women in parliament. Looking at how the media thinks, this session will explore how to turn a hostile interview into a chance to shine.

Please note that this session will be held in both English and French and that participation depends on registration upon arrival to the conference (20 seats per session)

15:00 - 16:30 English
16:30 - 18:00 French

• Working Group
**Ending Harmful Traditional Practices**

Young girls and women are the victims of harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation and early marriage. This session aims to discuss how education, awareness raising campaigns, and legislative frameworks can bring harmful traditional practices to an end.

• **Bogaletch Gebre**, Women’s rights activist and co-founder of KMG Ethiopia
• **Angelika Milnar**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice President of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party
• **Gina Michelle Sanze**, Member of Parliament, Central African Republic
• **Emma Julia Fabián Hernández**, Member of Parliament, El Salvador
• **Sipho S. Moyo**, Director, Africa, The ONE Campaign

Session Chair: Gary Quince, Head of European Delegation to African Union

17:00 - 18:00 **Reports from the Working Groups**
Rapporteurs present outcomes of the discussions in the Working Groups

20:00 - 22:00 **Ethiopian Cultural Evening – Dinner hosted by the Ethiopian Government**
Venue: Yod Abyssinia, Bole Medhanyalem Area
Agenda Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH

09:00  Arrival of participants
Master of Ceremony: Zita Gurmai, Founding member of WIP, Former Member of the European Parliament

Plenary Session, Nelson Mandela Hall

09:00 - 09:30  Messages by Political Leaders
- Sheik Hasina Wajed, Prime Minister, Bangladesh
- Violeta Bulc, EU Commissioner for Transport
- Kristalina Georgieva, European Commission Vice-President
- Bethel Amadi, President, Pan-African Parliament
- Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
- Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir, Former Prime Minister of Iceland

09:30 - 10:45  PLENARY SESSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UN ECA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS: FINANCING EQUALITY
Money makes the world go round. While lip service is being paid to the importance of gender equality and women empowerment, the moment of truth is the question of finance. Are governments willing to assign funds and resources for gender equality – will they walk the talk? The WIP Summit 2015 precedes the International Conference on Financing for Development here in Addis Ababa, in July 2015, which will be decisive for the implementation of the Post 2015 Agenda. In conjunction with the UNECA Conference of Ministers 2015, this session will point out the role female parliamentarians and leaders have in pressuring national development aid strategies to include the resources for financing equality.

Speakers:
- Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, UN ECA
- Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy for Gender, African Development Bank
- Caren Grown, Head of Gender Group, World Bank
- Ganhuyag Chuluun Hutagt, Former Vice Minister of Finance, Mongolia, Chairman of Ard Holdings
- Ximena Ponce, Member of Parliament, Ecuador, Former Minister of Economic and Social Inclusion

10:45 - 11:00  WIP Awards Ceremony
- WIP Awards Ceremony honouring the Recipients of the WIP Awards 2013 and 2015, represented by their female Parliamentarians.

11:00 - 11:15  Special Session with WIP Ambassadors
WIP Ambassadors are core to the activities of WIP. Join this session to be inspired by success stories told by WIP ambassadors from different regional chapters.

WIP Ambassadors
- Shitaye Minale Tizazu, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Ethiopia
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- Awa Gueye, Vice-President of the Parliament, Senegal
- Patricia Brown, Member of the Parliament, Sierra Leone
- Ewa Horvatova, Member of the Parliament, Slovakia
- Monica Mutsvangwa, Member of Senate, Zimbabwe

Session Chair: Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Founder of WIP and Former Vice-President of the European Parliament

11:15 - 11:45
Coffee Break

11:45 - 13:00
Statements by National Delegation Leaders
Heads of Delegation are invited to address the conference participants to describe the ways in which female leadership will be made a priority in their country.

13:00
Closing Remarks & Farwell Lunch, Multi-Purpose Hall

- Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, WIP Advisory Board Member
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Founder of WIP and former Vice-President of the European Parliament
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DRESS CODE
The dress code for all the WIP events is formal/corporate. Dress code for the official dinner is formal/traditional.

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AFRICAN UNION HEADQUARTERS
Roosevelt Street, W21K19, Addis Ababa

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The WIP Social Media Team will share live updates from the WIP Summit 2015 by live tweeting during the event, as well as sharing participants’ memorable quotes. You can follow us on Twitter - @WIPGlobalForum - and share your pictures and experiences from the meeting using the hashtag #wipsummit2015.

Pictures: The pictures of the WIP Summit 2015 will be uploaded to WIP website after the end of each day, in high resolution (jpeg format). Please note that a selection of these photos will be also sent by email to all the participants.

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PRESS

The Media Centre of the African Union will be available during the WIP Summit 2015. Interviews with speakers and participants may be granted to press upon request. Please contact Aretha Francis (aretha@womeninparliaments.org) for more information.
A press pack will be distributed at the venue, including press releases and the most up-to-date background information.

UPCOMING WIP EVENTS IN 2015

WIP at the World Bank/IMF, 12–13 April 2015, Washington D.C, (United States)
WIP Conference in Mexico, 7–9 October 2015, Mexico City, Mexico