

## WIP SUMMIT 2015 “NEW LEADERSHIP FOR GLOBAL CHALLENGES”



23-25 March 2015  
African Union Commission Headquarters  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### **Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma: “Today we are advocating the right of women to be represented everywhere”**

The WIP Summit 2015 of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) commenced today at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. From today until Wednesday, more than 400 female Parliaments coming from more than 100 countries are gathering to discuss innovative policies to address the major global challenges that our world faces today.

**Dr. Dlamini-Zuma**, Chairperson of the African Union Commission:

“Today we are advocating the right of women to be represented everywhere”.

**Neven Mimica**, EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development:

“Now is the time to take decisive steps to close the gender gap once and for all”.

**Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Founder of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP):

“The mission of WIP is to increase the number of female Parliamentarians, globally”

The [Agenda of the WIP Summit 2015 “New Leadership for Global Challenges”](#) will feature plenary sessions on the post-2015 development agenda and the redefinition of leadership; parallel sessions on entrepreneurship, regional cooperation, health and education; working groups organised by international organisations such as the United Nations or the World Bank; and media training for female Parliamentarians.

Sweden, Ecuador, Italy, Bangladesh and Kenya have received the WIP Award 2015 today, which acknowledge the national efforts to close the gender gap in politics (based on the World Economic Forum’s Global Gender Gap Report).

Today, only 1 out of 5 members of Parliaments are women. This meeting will highlight the importance of diversity in leadership positions and seek strategies to increase the number of women in politics. The [WIP/World Bank Study “The Female Political Career”](#) will be presented during the Summit.

The WIP Summit 2015 is co-hosted by the African Union Commission and co-financed by the European Commission.

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**The Pictures of the Opening Session of the WIP Summit 2015 are now available online:**

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If you wish to cover the WIP Annual Summit 2015, please send the request to [aretha@womeninparliaments.org](mailto:aretha@womeninparliaments.org) indicating Name, Country and Media Outlet by 19 March 2015.

The Media Center of the African Union will be available during the WIP Summit 2015. Interviews with speakers and participants may be granted to press upon request at the following contact persons: Aretha Francis, Communications Manager, WIP, [aretha@womeninparliaments.org](mailto:aretha@womeninparliaments.org) / Esther Azaa Tankou, Directorate of Information and Communication, AUC, Tel. +251 911361185, E-mail: [yamboue@africa-union.org](mailto:yamboue@africa-union.org).

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 / #wipsummit2015

The pictures of the WIP Summit 2015 will be uploaded to WIP website after the end of each day, in high resolution (jpeg format).

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