



WIP Study Trip to Iceland

Draft Programme

3 & 4 April 2014
Althingi, Parliament of Iceland
Reykjavik
Iceland



After a very successful inaugural Annual Summit from 27 to 29 November 2013 at the European Parliament in Brussels, the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) is convening for its first **"WIP Study Trip" to Iceland**.

The event is held in cooperation with the **Parliament of Iceland**, which for the first time in its history will open its plenary for a conference of an international group of female Parliamentarians.

Participants will be meeting with Ministers, Parliamentarians, business women and men, academics and societal stakeholders. The WIP Study Trip will give participants first hand insights into Icelandic society, built on the values of gender equality and female social, economic and political empowerment.

Iceland has been ranked number 1 of the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report for the past five years for providing the same opportunities for men and women in education, business or politics. Iceland received the WIP Award 2013 as Global Winner in Closing the Gender Gap.



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THURSDAY, 3 APRIL

- 09:00 Arrival and Registration
Coffee/Tea
- 09:30 **WELCOME WORDS**
By **Einar K. Guðfinnsson**, Speaker of Althingi
By **Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Founder of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP)
- 9:45 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
- 10:00 **PLENARY DEBATE & DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS OF ALTHINGI**
“THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND HISTORY OF WOMEN IN ICELANDIC POLITICS”
- 11:45 Lunch Break
- 13:30 **FIELD VISIT 1**
- 15:30 **FIELD VISIT 2**
- 17:00 Bus Transfer & Return to Hotel
- 19:00 **WELCOME DINNER**
Dinner Keynote
Icelandic Cultural Programme

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FRIDAY, 4 APRIL

- 09:00 Pick-up at Hotel
- 09:30 FIELD VISIT 3
- 11:30 FIELD VISIT 4
Including Lunch Break
- 14:30 PLENARY DEBATE
“ELIMINATING GENDER STEREOTYPES”
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 CLOSING SESSION - EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS
“LESSONS LEARNT - CAN ICELAND BE EXPORTED?”
- 17:00 Departure



REGISTRATION

Please fill out the [Online Registration Form](#)

PLENARY DEBATES

In the framework of WIP Study Trips, Plenary Debates will bring together 4-6 panellists, each renowned experts or practitioners in their field from politics, society, business and academia (host country and internationally). Introductory remarks by panellists strictly limited to 5 minutes. A short panel discussion follows, after which the floor will be opened to all participants. Plenary Debates are chaired by a Member of Parliament and moderated by a journalist.

FIELD VISITS

In the framework of WIP Study Trips "Field Visits", in cooperation with the hosting Parliament, will provide participants with first hand insights into local projects exemplary for gender equality and female empowerment in business, society, public institutions, research facilities, etc. Such on-site visits should break with gender-stereotypes, showcase extraordinary achievements and provide inspirations for participants to foster similar initiatives in their home country.

FIELD VISITS IN ICELAND (TBC)

- Actavis - Pharmaceutical company
- Rio Tinto Alcan - Aluminium smelter
- FKA - Association of Business Women in Iceland
- 2015 - committee for celebrating 100 years of voting rights for women in Iceland
- Lysi hf. - Fish Oil Factory

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference language will be **English**. There are no facilities for simultaneous interpretation.

Whisper or consecutive interpretation would be possible if organised by participants.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- [Information on Gender Equality Issues in Iceland](#)
- [The Global Gender Gap Report 2013](#)
- [Women in politics: Iceland](#) (Background note by the European Parliamentary Research Service)

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VIDEOS

- [Interview with Ragnheidur Elín Árnadóttir](#), Minister of Industry and Commerce of Iceland, at the WIP Annual Summit 2013
- [Interview with Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir](#), Minister of the Interior, Iceland at the WIP Annual Summit 2013
- <http://www.youtube.com/user/WIPGlobalForum>

CONNECT ONLINE

- www.wip-gf.net/events/study-trip-iceland
- www.facebook.com/WIPGlobalForum
- www.twitter.com/WIPGlobalForum

HOTEL INFORMATION

A block booking for all the participants has been made.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation from the hotel to the Parliament as well as to the Field Visits and the evening locations will be provided by the host.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants pay for their own travel and accommodation costs.

For individual travel information, participants could get in touch with the following Icelandic travel agencies:

- www.gjtravel.is
- www.icelandair.is
- www.heimsferdir.is

INDIVIDUAL VISITORS' PROGRAMME (SATURDAY, SUNDAY 5 & 6 APRIL)

The Hotel has several touristic visits on offer that can be booked on an individual basis for those participants who wish to extend their visit of Iceland to the weekend of 5 & 6 April 2014.