



Third Regional Conference of Women Parliamentarians and women in  
political decision making positions of the GCC States

*Partnership between women parliamentarians,  
the media and women's associations*

Sultanate of Oman, 21-22 December 2008

**Provisional Programme**

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**

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09:30-10:30 **Opening Ceremony**

- *Shura Council of Oman*
- *Head of the delegation of Oman*
- *Representative of the IPU*
- *Patronage of the Conference*

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10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

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11:00-11:30 **Session 1: Keynote address:**

- **Women in politics, the media and women's associations: essentials for democracy**
- **Women's representation and democracy: situation and challenges**

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11:30-13:00 **Session 2: Women and the media : International and regional perspectives**

- *International frameworks on women and the media*
- *Image and portrayals of women in the media and contents of the "stories" on women in politics*
  - Ms. Gülser Corat, Chief Section for Women and Gender Equality, UNESCO
- *Women working in the media in the GCC States*
  - Ms. Najla Al Awadi, Member of the Federal National Council, UAE - Vice-CEO of Dubai Media Incorporation – Government of Dubai and General Manager of Dubai One TV.

The presentations will be followed by a debate

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13:00-14:00 **Session 3: Women's associations in the GCC States**

- *Women's associations in Oman*
  - Dr. Sheikha Al Meselmia, Member of Parliament, Majlis Al Dawla, Oman
- *Women and NGOs in the GCC*
  - Dr. Amal Al Shanfari, Adviser, Ministry of economy, Oman

The presentations will be followed by a debate

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14:00-15:30 **Lunch**

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15:30-17:00 **Session 4: Media and women's associations: political allies for women running for election?**

- *The support media and women's associations provide to women candidates*
  - Dr. Gehan Abu Zeid, Expert in Women Rights & Development in the Arab Region, Egypt
  - Mrs. Rose Mukantabana, Speaker, House of Representatives, Rwanda

Experiences from the region

- Mrs. Latifa Al Gooud, Member of Parliament, House of Representatives, Bahrain
- Mrs. Rahila Al Riyamiya, Member of Parliament, Majlis Al Dawla, Oman
- Mrs. Ramziya Al Eryani, Secretary General, Arab Women's Federation, Yemen

The presentations will be followed by a debate

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***Diner for participants, Crown Plaza Hotel, Muscat***

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

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09:30-11:30 **Session 5: The Media and women's associations: political allies for women in political decision-making positions? Partnership to promote gender issues**

- ***Cooperation in promoting gender equality and women's issues and the input of women in politics***
  - Dr. Gehan Abu Zeid, Expert in Women Rights & Development in the Arab Region, Egypt
  - Dr. Faten Ben Amor, Member of Parliament, First Vice-President of the IPU Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians, Tunisia
- ***Enhancing the visibility of women politicians***
  - Mr. Nasser Alsarami, Head of media, Al Arabia Channel

Experiences from the region

  - Dr. Bahia Al Jishi, Member of Parliament, Shura Council, Bahrain
  - Member of Parliament (Tbc)
- ***The Arab Women's Media Strategy***
  - Dr. Mohammad Ayish, Arab Women's Organization

The presentations will be followed by a debate

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11:30-12:00 ***Coffee break***

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12:00-13:30 **Session 6: Women, parliament and the media**

- ***Women parliamentarians in the parliamentary broadcasting***
  - Mr. Peter Knowles, Controller, BBC Parliament

The presentations will be followed by a debate

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13:30-15:00 ***Lunch***

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15:00-16:30 **Conclusions and closing remarks**

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