

Fifth Annual Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament

Vienna, 13-14 July 2009
organised by the National Council of Austria and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

ANNOTATED AGENDA

13 July

- 8.40 a.m.** Departure from the Hotel Sacher to the Parliament
- 9 - 9.15 a.m.** *Opening*
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- 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.** **Keynote address**
Preparing for the fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the review of Millennium Development Goals, to be held in 2010
- Ms Ines Alberdi, Executive Director, United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM)*
- Addressing violence against women and girls**
- 9.30 - 11 a.m.** **Theme 1: Protective Laws**
- Building a strong and effective legal framework
 - Strategies of implementation
 - Ensuring adequate funding
 - Best practice examples
- Contributors:
Ms. Rose Mukantabana, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rwanda
Ms. Joyce Bamford-Addo, Speaker of the Parliament, Ghana
Ms. Margo Kraneveldt, Vice-President of the House of Representatives, Netherlands
- 11.00 - 11.20 a.m.** Group picture
Coffee break
- 11.20 - 12.30 p.m.** **Theme 2: National Action Plans**
- Implementing national policies
 - Potential of the health system in the prevention of VAW
 - Tasks of the police in the prevention of VAW
 - Violence against migrant women/ethnic minorities
 - Building support: developing cross-party alliances within the parliament; raising public awareness
- Contributors:
Ms. Chiara Simoneschi-Cortesi, President of the National Council, Switzerland
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- 12.30 - 2 p.m.** **Lunch at restaurant Rathauskeller hosted by the First President of the Vienna Provincial Diet, Prof. Harry Kopietz**
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- 2 - 3.30 p.m.** **Theme 3: Prevention Initiatives**
- Collection of data and research on VAW
 - Public activities and campaigns national/international
 - Cooperation with civil society
 - New developments in the area of services for women and children
- 3.30 p.m.** **Thematic visit regarding VAW**

7 p.m. **Attendance of the opera “Il Turco in Italia” by Giachino Rossini, on invitation of H.E. Barbara Prammer, Speaker of the Austrian National Council at Theater an der Wien.**

14 July

Women and the global economic crisis

9 - 10.30 a.m. **Theme 1: The impact of the crisis on women**

- Gender specific impacts of the financial crisis
- Impacts on education and healthcare for women
- Giving visibility to the impact on women
- The vicious circle of female poverty

Contributors:

Ms. Ntlhoi Motsamai, Speaker of the National Assembly, Lesotho

Ms. Anna Burke, Deputy-Speaker of the Federal Parliament, Australia

Baroness Anne Gibson of Market Rasen, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, United Kingdom

Ms. Edna Madzongwe, President of the Senate, Zimbabwe

10.30 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Theme 2: What role for women?**

- What role for women in addressing current challenges, preventing future instability and contributing to economic development?

Contributors:

Ms. Katalin Szili, Speaker of the National Assembly, Hungary

12 - 1 p.m. **Conclusion and planning for the future**

- Contribution to the fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, 2010
- Contribution to the review of Millennium Development Goals, 2010
- Contribution to the Third Conference of Speakers of Parliament, 2010

1 p.m. **Lunch hosted for women Speakers by H.E. Heinz Fischer, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, at Hofburg Palace**

All other delegates are invited to a lunch hosted by Georg Posch, Secretary General of the Austrian Parliament