



## Sixth Annual Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament

### Women Speakers take action on maternal, child and newborn health

Bern, 16-17 July 2010

organized by the Swiss Parliament and the Inter-Parliamentary Union



#### AGENDA

16 July

Starting at 08.30

Registration

10 - 10.15 a.m.

**Opening and welcome addresses by**

*Ms. P. Bruderer Wyss, President of the Swiss National Council  
Dr. T-B. Gurirab, President of the IPU*

10.15 - 10.25 a.m.

**Keynote address**

Achieving Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 on child survival and maternal health: Where do we stand?

*Mr. B. Koenders, Former Minister of Development Cooperation, Netherlands*

10.25 - 10.30 a.m.

**Presentation of the publication *Taking the Lead: Parliamentarians Engage with Maternal, Newborn and Child Health***

*Dr. F. Bustreo, Director, Partnership of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health*

10.30 a.m. - 12 noon

**Theme 1: Building national health systems**

- How to ensure access for all
- How to improve service delivery for women and children

*Ms. J. A. Bamford-Addo, Speaker of Parliament (Ghana) (TBC)  
Ms. E. Renner, Speaker of the National Assembly (Gambia)  
Ms. T. Tsacheva, Speaker of the National Assembly (Bulgaria)  
Ms. D. Tashmukhamedova, President of the Legislative Chamber (Uzbekistan)  
Ms. T. Thi Phong, Vice-President of the National Assembly (Vietnam)*

Presentations followed by a debate

12 noon- 2 p.m.

**Lunch break**

1.45 p.m.

**Group photo**

2 - 3.30 p.m.

**Theme 2: Legislation and policy: removing barriers to access to health for all**

- Addressing discrimination in the legal framework, which limits women's access to health services and care

*Ms. B. Prammer, Speaker of the National Council (Austria)  
Ms. R. Mukantabana, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies (Rwanda)*

Presentations followed by a debate

3.30 - 5 p.m.

**Theme 3: Funding for MDGs 4 and 5**

- Allocation of national resources
- The role of ODA
- The role of international organizations

*Ms. V. Macamo Dlovo, Speaker of the National Assembly (Mozambique) (TBC)*

Presentations followed by a debate

7.30 p.m.

Reception in Interlaken given by *Ms. P. Bruderer Wyss, President of the Swiss National Council and Ms. E. Forster-Vannini, President of the Swiss Council of States*

**17 July****9.30 - 9.35 a.m.****Introductory remarks by***Ms. E. Forster-Vannini, President of the Swiss Council of States***09.35 - 11 a.m.****Theme 4: Empowering women, including by addressing violence against women**

- Empowerment of women at the core of progress
- Changing mentalities and addressing cultural stereotypes
- Violence against women, especially in conflict situations

*Ms. J. Topalli, Speaker of Parliament (Albania)**Ms. M. Kumar, Speaker of the Lok Sabha (India)**Ms. R. Mukantabana, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies (Rwanda)**Ms. I. Passada, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Uruguay)**Ms. R. F. Rogombé, President of the Senate (Gabon)*

Presentations followed by a debate

**11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m****Theme 5: Raising awareness and building political will**

- Educating women and children about their rights and health needs/care
- Sensitizing populations to maternal and child health
- Building political will nationally
- International commitment and partnerships

*Ms. A. Sepúlveda, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies (Chile) (TBC)**Ms. N. Motsamai, Speaker of the National Assembly (Lesotho)**Rt. Hon. Baroness Hayman, Speaker of the House of Lords (United Kingdom)**Ms. A. Johannessdóttir, Speaker of the Althingi (Iceland)**Ms. F. Mirza, Speaker of the National Assembly (Pakistan)*

Presentations followed by a debate

**12.30 - 1 p.m.****Conclusion and planning for the future***Luncheon*