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Women Political Leaders Global Forum (WPL)
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Harpa Concert and Conference Centre
Reykjavík, Iceland
OVERVIEW

Iceland is the global champion of equality between women and men. The WPL Annual Global Summit 2017 – titled "We Can Do It!" – applauds the political action of Iceland, which demonstrates that gender equality does not have to remain a theory, but can become reality. In this spirit, the WPL Annual Global Summit provides the forum for exchange on best practices around the globe: of leadership, legislation and political agenda-setting that creates results. The WPL Annual Global Summit presents a unique opportunity for participants to discuss global challenges, exchange best practice, and to take part in political dialogue that reflects the influence and worldwide perspectives of today’s female decision-makers. This year’s WPL Annual Global Summit is co-hosted by the Government and the Parliament of Iceland. Other partners are the Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL), the City of Reykjavík, Harvard University, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations. WPL thanks its corporate supporters, which are listed later in this document.

The venue of the WPL Annual Global Summit 2017 is the Harpa Concert and Conference Centre in Reykjavik.

WPL is pleased to welcome the Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL). The CWWL is composed of 66 current and former women Presidents and Prime Ministers. It is the only organisation in the world dedicated to women heads of state and government. The CWWL will convene its members on the occasion of the WPL Annual Global Summit.
TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

16:00-18:00  Welcome Reception
Venue: Bessastadir
Hosted by Guðni Th. Jóhannesson, President of Iceland

Welcoming Remarks:
▪ Guðni Th. Jóhannesson, President of Iceland

18:30-19:45  “How Women Leaders Change the World”
Venue: Veröld – Hús Vigdisar
Hosted by Vigðís Finnbogadóttir, President of Iceland (1980-1996)

Welcoming Remarks:
▪ Vigðís Finnbogadóttir, President of Iceland (1980-1996)

Fireside chat: “When one woman is a leader, it changes her. When more women are leaders, it changes politics and policies” (President Michelle Bachelet). Three women leaders, from three different parts of the world share their views and experiences.

▪ Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta
▪ Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008),
  Administrator of the UNDP (2009-2017)
▪ Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL
WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER
Master of Ceremonies: Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Chair of the Executive Board, WPL

08:00-08:45   Arrival and registration of participants
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre

09:00-09:30   Opening Session
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor
Opening Remarks by:
▪ Steingrímur J Sigfusson, Speaker of Althingi
▪ Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL
▪ Guðlaugur Pór Porðarson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iceland

09:30-09:50   Keynotes: We Can Do It - A New Narrative for Leadership
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor

WE CAN DO IT: Women World Leaders
▪ Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania; Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders

WE CAN DO IT: Exporting the Icelandic Way
▪ Bjarni Benediktsson, Prime Minister of Iceland

09:50-10:45   WPL Award Session

WPL Award to Vigdís Finnbogadóttir
The world’s first elected woman Head of State, President of Iceland (1980-1996), and Founding Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL)

WPL Lifetime Achievement Award recipient – Women Leaders
(written statement)

WPL Awards to Women Presidents and Prime Ministers
▪ Kim Campbell, Prime Minister of Canada (1993)
▪ Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008)
▪ Mari Kiviniemi, Prime Minister of Finland (2010-2011)
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▪ Iveta Radičová, Prime Minister of Slovakia (2010-2012)
▪ Paula Cox, Premier of Bermuda (2010-2012)
▪ Atifete Jahjaga, President of Kosovo (2011-2015)
▪ Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania, Chair of CWWL
▪ Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta
▪ Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, President of Croatia
▪ Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia

Presenter: Cherno Jobatey, Editorial Director of the Huffington Post Germany, TV host

10:45-11:15  Family Photo and Coffee Break

Master of Ceremonies: Hala Hanna, Director, Solve MIT, Senior Advisor WPL

11:15-11:30  In Focus: Stop Sexism - #Metoo
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg 2nd floor

▪ Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008)
▪ Lívia Járóka, Vice President of the European Parliament
▪ Áslaug Arna Sigurbjörnsdóttir, Member of Parliament Iceland

Moderated by: Hrund Gunnsteins, Chair of the Technology Development Fund in Iceland

11:30-11:40  Keynote: We Can Do It - A New Narrative for Leadership
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor

WE CAN DO IT: Women Peacemakers
▪ Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, President of Croatia
Séance Plénière - Un ordre mondial en évolution? Repenser les politiques de Paix, de Sécurité et de Défense
Sesión Plenaria - Un cambio en el Orden Global? Repensando las Políticas de Paz, Seguridad y Defensa
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg 2nd floor

Speakers:
- **Sophie Katsarava**, Chairperson, Foreign Relations Committee, Parliament of Georgia
- **Irina Gekht**, Member of Parliament and WIP Ambassador, Russia
- **Mary-Ann Etiebet**, Executive Director, MSD for Mothers
- **Member of Parliament**, Costa Rica
- **Christine Moore**, Member of Parliament, Canada

Chaired by: **Laura Liswood**, Secretary General, Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL)

12:30-14:00  **Lunch**
WPL Lunch, Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Hörpuhornið
WIP Ambassador Lunch and WPL Speakers of Parliament Lunch (By invitation only), Venue: Althingi

14:00-14:10  **Keynote: We Can Do It - A New Narrative for Leadership**
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor

WE CAN DO IT: Women Win – the UN Global Goals
- **Amina Mohammed**, UN Deputy Secretary General, (VTC)

14:10-14:15  **In Focus: Push vs Pull**
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor
Solutions Narrative and Women’s Leadership
**Lisa Witter**, Apolitical
14:20-15:30  **Keynote: We Can Do It - A New Narrative for Leadership**  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor

**WE CAN DO IT: e-Stonia: A start-up country**
- Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia

**Plenary Session - The Way Forward: Living Digital?**
Séance Plénière - Aller de l'avant: vivre le numérique?  
Sesión Plenaria - Mirando hacia adelante: viviendo digitalmente?  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor

Speakers:
- Marie Jeanne d’Arc Masy Goulamaly, Member of Parliament and WIP Ambassador, Madagascar  
- Ayelet Nahmias-Verbin, Member of the Knesset, Israel  
- Sayeh Ghanbari, Partner, EY United Kingdom  
- Hessa Essa Buhumaid, Ministry of Community Development, U.A.E

Moderated by: Manuela Kasper-Claridge, Deutsche Welle (DW)

15:30-16:00  **Coffee Break**

**Policy Focus Sessions** (6 simultaneous policy focus sessions from 16:00-18:00)

16:00-18:00  **Sustainability First - Living Today as if it were Tomorrow**  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Visa, 1st floor  
Speakers:
- Laura López, Director, UNFCCC  
- Pétur Þ. Öskarsson, SVP Corporate Communications, Icelandair Group  
- Elin Hjálmsdóttir, Vice President, Eimskip  
- Elena Kountoura, Minister of Tourism, Greece  
- Neila Tazi, Vice-President House of Councillors, Morocco  
- Masoumeh Ebtekar, Vice-President for Women and Family Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Chaired by: Ragnheiður Elin Árnadóttir, Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council and Former Minister of Industry and Commerce
16:00-18:00  **Labour Market Inclusion - Powered by Digital**  
L'inclusion sur le marché du travail - Propulsé par le numérique  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Rima A, 1st floor

Speakers:  
- Fatema Al-Kooheji, Member of Parliament, Bahrain  
- Stefana Miladinovic, Member of Parliament, Serbia  
- Hilary Spencer, Director, UK Government Equalities Office

Moderated by: Anne Grette and Linas Dicpetris, EY

16:00-18:00  **All You Need is STEM**  
Tout ce dont vous avez besoin c'est les STEM  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg A, 2nd floor

Speakers:  
- Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women  
- An Capoen, Member of Parliament and WIP Ambassador, Belgium  
- Karina Arteaga Muñoz, Member of the National Assembly, Ecuador

Moderated by: Ross Melzer, WPL Partnerships Director

16:00-18:00  **Rape: A Weapon of War**  
In Cooperation with UN Women  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Rima B, 1st floor

Speakers:  
- Purna Sen, Director of Policy, UN Women  
- Mara Marinaki, EEAS Principal Adviser on Gender  
- Nataliya Korolevska, Member of Parliament, Ukraine  
- Stella Samúelsdóttir, CEO, Icelandic National Committee of UN WOMEN  
- Alice Milgo, Senator, Kenya

Moderated by: Miriam Elder, World Editor for BuzzFeed
16:00-18:00  **Motherhood has No Borders**  
*Why Would Access to Maternal Healthcare be different?*  
*La maternité n'a pas de frontières*  
**Venue:** Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg B, 2nd floor

**Speakers:**  
- **Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca**, President of Malta  
- **Xavier Prats Monné**, Director-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission  
- **Mary-Ann Etiebet**, Executive Director, MSD for Mothers  
- **Caroline Hickson**, Regional Director of the IPPF European Network

**Moderated by:** Katja Iversen, President and CEO of Women Deliver

16:00-18:00  **A Woman’s Place is in Politics**  
*In Cooperation with Harvard University*  
**Venue:** Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Bjortuloft, 5th floor

**Speakers:**  
- **Helen Clark**, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008), Administrator of the UNDP (2009-2017)  
- **Kim Campbell**, Prime Minister, Canada (1993)  
- **Atifete Jahjaga**, President of Kosovo (2011-2015)  
- **Inara Murniece**, Speaker of the Saeima, Parliament of Latvia  
- **Esabelle Dingizian**, Third Deputy Speaker of the Riksdag and WIP Ambassador, Sweden

**Chaired by:** Victoria A. Budson, Harvard Kennedy School of Government

19:30-22:00  **Cultural Dinner**  
**Venue:** Hafnarhúsið - Reykjavík Art Museum  
**Hosted by the Government of Iceland**
THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER
Master of Ceremonies: Assita Kanko, Special Senior Advisor, WPL

08:30-09:00  Video Messages
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor
- Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Julian King, Commissioner for Security Union, European Commission, European Union
- Celina Caesar-Chavannes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development, Canada
- Rose Gottemoeller, Deputy Secretary General of NATO
- Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission, European Union
- Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader, House of Representatives, United States (written statement)
- Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Laureate and UN Messenger of Peace

09:00-10:00  Plenary Session - Make Trade, Not War
Séance Plénière - Faire du commerce, pas la guerre
Sesión Plenaria - Haz comercio, no guerra
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor
Speakers:
- Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade
- Ana Guevara, Member of Senate, Mexico
- Helen Hai, CEO Made in Africa Initiative, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Goodwill Ambassador
- Hayat Bouffarrachen, Vice-President of the House of Representatives, Morocco
- Javier Maroto, Member of Parliament, Spain

Moderated by: Halla Tómasdóttir, Presidential Candidate in Iceland 2016 and Founding Member of Reykjavik University

10:00-10:30  Girl2Leader - Lead like a Girl!
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor
Speakers:
- Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta
- Didda, Girl2Leader Ambassador, Icelandic YouTuber

Chaired by: Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL

10:30-11:00  Coffee Break
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| 11:00-11:30 | **In Focus: Africa**  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor  
WPL Award  
- Aminata Touré, Prime Minister Senegal (2013-2014)  
**WE CAN DO IT:**  
WPL Africa Office  
- Espérance Nyirasafari, Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Rwanda  
Made in Africa!  
- Helen Hai, UNIDO Goodwill Ambassador |
| 11:30-11:40 | **Keynote - WE CAN DO IT: The Pursuit of Gender Equality: An Uphill Battle**  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor  
- Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary General of OECD |
| 11:40-11:50 | **In Focus: When you Invest in Girls and Women, Everybody Wins From Victims to Powerhouses**  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor  
- Katja Iversen, President and CEO of Women Deliver |
| 11:50-12:00 | **In Focus: Women in Politics**  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg, 2nd floor  
- Victoria Budson, Harvard University |
| 12:00-13:30 | **Lunch: “Iceland: the Global Champion of Gender Equality”**  
Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Hörpuhornið, 2nd floor  
Hosted by: Porsheinn Viglundsson, Minister of Social Affairs and Equality, Iceland  
Remarks by:  
- Frida Rós Valdimarsdóttir, Chair of Icelandic Women’s Rights Association  
- Thorgerður Einarsdóttir, Professor Gender Studies Programme, University of Iceland |
| 12:00-15:30 | **Girl2Leader: Campaign Event (By invitation only)** |
Policy Focus Sessions  (6 simultaneous policy focus sessions from 13:30-15:30)

13:30-15:30  Action!  How to Turn the Sustainable Development Goals into Reality
In cooperation with the UNSDG Action Campaign
Venue:  Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Bjortulof 5th floor

Speakers:
- Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, Chair of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, and Chair of World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development; Member of the House of Representatives and WIP Ambassador, Indonesia
- Achim Steiner, Administrator of the UNDP (VTC)
- Ravza Kavaci Kan, Member of Parliament, Turkey
- Ragna Árnadóttir, Deputy CEO Landsvirkjun, Minister of Justice of Iceland (2009-2010)
- Ásthildur Otharsdóttir, Chairman of the board of Marel

Moderated by:  Marilou McPhedran, Canada

13:30-15:30  Healthy Women - Healthy Economies
Femmes en bonne santé - Économies saines
Venue:  Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg 2nd floor

Speakers:
- Paula Cox, Premier of Bermuda (2010-2012)
- Espérance Nyirasafari, Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Rwanda
- Asaolu Tunji John, Chair, Social Affairs & Health Cluster Committee, African Union
- Saira Afzal Tarar, Minister of Health, Pakistan
- Christine Defraigne, President of the Belgian Senate
- Christine Bugos, Vice-President, Global Policy and Institutional Affair, Merck
- Tana Wuliji, Health Workforce, World Health Organization

Moderated by:  Hala Hanna, Director, SOLVE at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Senior Advisor, WPL

13:30-15:30  Women, Business, and the Law
Venue:  Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Visa 1st floor

Speakers:
- Iveta Radičová, Prime Minister of Slovakia (2010-2012)
- Augusto López-Claros, Senior Fellow at the Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University
- Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Deputy Speaker House of Representatives, Philippines
- Chiara Corazza, Managing Director, Women’s Forum for the Economy and Society
- Birna Einarsdóttir, CEO, Islandsbanki
13:30-15:30 **Social Media Training**  
*Venue:* Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Stemma 1st floor  
- **Crystal Patterson,** Government & Politics Outreach Manager, Facebook

13:30-15:30 **All About Women - Gender Equality Mainstreamed**  
*In Cooperation with the OECD*  
*Venue:* Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Rima B, 1st floor  

**Speakers:**  
- **Wafa’ Bani Mustafa,** Member of Parliament, Jordan  
- **Þórey Vilhjálmsdóttir,** Director, Capacent Iceland  
- **Carolina Magdalene Maier,** Member of Parliament, Denmark  
- **Pinar Guven,** Policy Analyst, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

**Moderated by:** Jane Dudman, The Guardian

15:30-17:00 **Side Working Group- Council of Economic Empowerment**
15:30-17:30  **Statements by National Delegation Leaders**  
**Déclarations des Dirigeants des Délégations Nationales**  
**Declaraciones por parte de las Líderes de las Delegaciones Nacionales**  
*Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg 2nd Floor*

*Chaired by: Steingrímur J. Sigfússon, Speaker of Althingi*

17:30-17:50  **WE CAN DO IT: Refueling ambition, a conversation with...**  
*Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg 2nd Floor*  
Three women from different walks of life will discuss roads to leadership and refuel the flame of ambition to change the world, and to remain optimistic.

- **Violeta Bulc**, EU Commissioner for Transport  
- **Aminata Touré**, Prime Minister of Senegal (2013-2014)  
- **Þorsteinn Víglundsson**, Minister of Social Affairs and Equality Iceland

*Moderated by: Andrea Dudik, EEU Economy/Government Team Leader, Bloomberg News*

17:50-18:00  **Closing Remarks and Call to Action**  
*Venue: Harpa Conference Centre, Room: Silfurberg 2nd Floor*  
- **Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir**, Chair of the Executive Board, WPL  
- **Laura Liswood**, Secretary General, CWWL  
- **Steingrímur J. Sigfússon**, Speaker of Althingi

18:00-19:00  **Farewell Reception**  
*Hosted by Steingrímur J. Sigfússon, Speaker of Althingi*
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUES

Bessastadir, the Official Residence of the President of Iceland
Bessastadavegur, Alftanes, Iceland

Veröld, the House of H.E. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir
Brynjólfsþótu 1, 107 Reykjavík, Iceland

Harpa, Conference Centre
Austurbakki 2, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

HOTELS

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