



Inter-Parliamentary Union
For democracy. For everyone.

Ninth Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament: Economic empowerment of women: Women speakers of parliament taking the lead

IPU Headquarters, Geneva (Switzerland), 4-5 September 2014
Organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union

PROPOSED AGENDA

Thursday, 4 September

9.30 – 9.45 a.m.

Welcome remarks

9.45 – 10.15 a.m.

Key note address :

Economic empowerment of women – at the heart of sustainable development

Challenges and priorities

10.15 - 10.45 a.m.

Group photo

Tea and coffee break

10.45 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Building a conducive legal framework for women's economic empowerment

- Gender sensitive labor laws
- Securing access to and control over economic assets (land, property, inheritance rights)
- Facilitating access to finance; business services etc.

What role for women speakers of parliament?

12.30 – 2 p.m.

Lunch Break

2 - 3.30 p.m.

Building a conducive environment for women's economic empowerment

- Reconciliation of family and work;
- Valuing the care economy;
- Valuing women's unpaid work
- Addressing stereotypes and changing mentalities

What role for women speakers of parliament?

3.30 - 4 p.m.

Tea and coffee break

4 - 5.30 p.m.

Reducing risks and vulnerabilities

- Addressing discrimination – equal pay
- Addressing violence against women at work
- Addressing exploitation of women

What role for women speakers of parliament?

Friday, 5 September

9 – 10 a.m.

Ensuring investments and policies meet women's economic needs and well-being

- How to ensure that national budgets and policies take into account the needs of women and in particular the poorest and most marginalized women (gender-budgeting; investments in water, energy, infrastructures; investments in education, health etc.)

What role for women speakers of parliament?



| | |
|--------------------|---|
| 10 – 11.30 a.m. | <p>Facilitating women’s economic leadership – giving a voice and decision-making power to women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overcoming barriers to women’s economic leadership (culture, customs etc.) and taking measures (quotas?) - Investing in the next generation of women <p>What role for women speakers of parliament?</p> |
| 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m | <p>Economic empowerment of women – the regional and international dimensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What role for regional and international bodies? - What role for regional integration? - What role for the IPU? |
| 1 - 2.30 pm | <i>Lunch Break</i> |
| 2.30 -3.30 p.m. | <p>Preparations for the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament</p> <p>Participants will be briefed on preparations for the 2015 Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament and the specific contribution they would like to provide as women Speakers.</p> |
| 3.30 - 4 p.m. | <i>Tea and coffee break</i> |
| 4 - 5 pm | Conclusions – linking up with the next generation of development goals |