

**MEETING OF THE GROUP OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS  
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FORUM OF THE AMERICAS (FIPA)**

***“Political Leadership of Women: Action Plan for the Americas”***

**SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**JUNE 30TH AND JULY 1ST, 2011**

A G E N D A

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29**

Afternoon and evening      Transfer of delegates from the International Airport *Las Américas* in Santo Domingo to the Hotel *Intercontinental V Centenario*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30**

8:00                      Meeting in the lobby of the hotel and transfer to the seat of the Chamber of Deputies

8:30      9:00                      Registration of participants in the entrance of the National Assembly

9:00      10:00                      **Opening Ceremony**

1. Welcome from Dr. Abel Martínez  
President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic
2. Greetings from M.P. Randy Hoback  
President of FIPA and Member of Parliament of Canada
3. Greetings from Magda Rodríguez  
President of the Gender and Equity Permanent Commission and Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic
4. Opening by Linda Machuca  
Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador and Chair of the Group of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas - FIPA

10:00      10:30                      Coffee Break

10:30      11:00                      **PANEL 1 - LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT**

**Presentation 1– “An agenda to position ourselves as women politicians”**

Dr. Minou Tavarez Miraval

Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

11:00      11:30                      **Presentation 2– “Women’s economic empowerment and the role of Parliamentarians”**

Dr. Almas Jiwani

President of UN Women Canada

**Panel moderator: Mónica Zalaquett – Deputy of Chile**

- 11:30 12:30 Discussion
- 12:30 13:30 Return to the hotel and lunch
- 14:00 14:30 **PANEL 2 – LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT (Second part)**  
 Hotel Intercontinental – meeting room to be confirmed
- Presentation 3- “The advance of women’s political leadership and rights in the face of poor access to real equality. Where is the autonomy? A view from the south”**  
 Liz Meléndez  
 National Coordinator of CLADEM  
 Peruvian Flora Tristan Women’s Centre - Peru
- 14:30 15:00 **Presentation 4- “Building power: a Woman Politician’s point of view”**  
 Dr. Milagros Ortiz Bosch  
 Former Vice President of the Dominican Republic, Secretary of State for Education,  
 Professor at Pedro Henríquez Ureña University, and Lawyer  
**Panel moderator: Norma Esparza – Senator of Mexico**
- 15:00 16:30 Discussion
- 16:30 17:00 Coffee Break
- 17:00 17:30 **Presentation 5- “Challenges of the women’s agenda: from decreed rights to exercised rights, through political action”**  
 Ms Lourdes Contreras  
 Executive Director of the Center of Gender Studies – INTEC University  
 Dominican Republic
- 17:30 18:00 **PANEL 3 – MIGRATION AND AFRO-DESCENDANTS**  
**Presentation 6- “Care and migration: a strategic area of intervention for the development of, and equality in the region”**  
 Ms Mar García  
 Program Coordinator - UN Women of the Dominican Republic  
**Panel moderator: Linda Machuca – Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador**
- 18:00 19:30 Discussion
- 20:30 Welcome Dinner  
 Folkloric Ballet – *Vice Ministerio de Turismo*  
*Trío de Trovadores*

**FRIDAY, JULY 1**

- 08:30 09:00 **PANEL 4 – CHALLENGES REGARDING GENDER EQUALITY AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM**



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**Presentation 7- “Equality and the women’s agenda in legislative power”**

Ms María Paula Romo

Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group for Women’s Rights

Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador

09:00 09:30

**Presentation 8-“Dimensions to consider in a strategy aimed at empowering women with a political career”**

Ms Evangelina García Prince

Former Senator and former Minister of State of Venezuela

**Panel moderator: Magda Rodríguez – Deputy of the Dominican Republic**

09:30 11:00

Discussion

11:00 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 12:30

**PANEL 5 – THE SITUATION OF WOMEN POLITICIANS IN THE CARIBBEAN**

**Presentation 9-“ The difficulties to be overcome to increase the participation of women in political activities in Haiti, in an unstable socio-economic context ”**

Ms. Edmonde Beauzile

Senator of Haiti

Moderator of the round-table: “*The Haitian experience in the recent elections: the case of women politicians*”

Haitian parliamentarians

12:30 13:00

Discussion – delegates and Haitian parliamentarians

13:00 14:00

Lunch

14:00 15:30

Conclusions, final document, and commitments

15:30

Guided city tour