



## AGENDA

### ***Transformational Leadership for Gender Equality in the Caribbean: Regional Strategies and Partnerships***

A series of inter-parliamentary exchanges and briefings with gender equality advocates

Bridgetown, Barbados | November 19-20, 2018

#### **Background**

Following recent elections in the Caribbean region, women's representation in political office has increased, approaching or surpassing parity in some legislative chambers. This progress has drawn attention to women's contributions to political decision-making and the importance of gender-responsive governance. Reinforced by current global momentum to address development challenges from a gender perspective, there is an opportunity to solidify progress and reinforce enabling conditions for transformational leadership in support of gender equality.

The increase in women's representation comes at a critical time for the Caribbean. Although many gains have been made, there remain significant gaps, especially related to using gender equality as a catalyst for sustainable development in challenging fiscal spaces. Parliamentarians can lead efforts in ensuring gender-responsive governance on policy issues such as climate change adaptation, citizen security, social protection, energy, and agriculture.

This meeting will convene parliamentarians, ministers, representatives from multilaterals, national gender machinery, and civil society organisations, and other relevant stakeholders to take stock of current initiatives in the region to advance women's leadership and gender equality, and to develop strategies to mainstream this focus in national sustainable development efforts. Through a series of dynamic exchanges, the delegates will forge strengthened partnerships, coordinate agendas, and contribute to these efforts at the regional level by providing input on a Draft CARICOM Regional Gender Equality Strategy.

*Note: All activities will take place at the **Radisson Aquatica Resort** unless otherwise indicated. Address: Aquatic Gap, Bridgetown, Barbados. Times are subject to change.*

#### **Sunday, November 18, 2018**

All day                      Arrival of regional delegates

#### **Monday, November 19, 2018**

8:30                          Registration at the Radisson Aquatica hotel

9:00 – 10:15              **Opening ceremony (by invitation)**

- MC: Ms. Tonni Brodber, Deputy Representative, UN Women Multi-Country Office – Caribbean

### **Welcome remarks**

- Ms. Alison McLean, Representative, UN Women Multi-Country Office – Caribbean
- Lady Anande Trotman-Joseph, Chair of the CIWiL Board of Directors
- The Honourable Robert Nault, P.C., M.P., President of ParlAmericas
- His Honour Arthur E. Holder, Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados and member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors

### **Feature address by the Honourable Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados**

- 10:15 – 10:45 Official photograph and refreshments
- 10:45 – 10:50 Introduction to working sessions by Alisha Todd, Director General of ParlAmericas
- 10:50 – 13:30 **Working session: “Priorities for a Regional Gender Equality Strategy”**
- Presentations by Tonni Brodber (UN Women) and Ann-Marie Williams (CARICOM)
  - Multi-stakeholder discussion tables on the pillars of the Draft Regional Gender Strategy moderated by members of the CIWiL Board of Directors
  - Open dialogue facilitated by Lebrechtta Nana Oye Hesse-Bayne (CIWiL)
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 17:00 **High-level dialogue: “Promoting gender-transformative leadership to meet national development priorities: Strategies and partnerships”**
- Remarks by Her Excellency Dame Billie Miller, Ambassador at Large and Plenipotentiary of Barbados and CIWiL Patron
  - Facilitated open dialogue
- Moderators: Lady Anande Trotman-Joseph and Cynthia Barrow-Giles (CIWiL)
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Presentation of CARICOM Social Protection Draft Statement**
- Ann-Marie Williams (CARICOM)
- 19:00 Dinner (by invitation)

### **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

#### **09:00 – 11:45 Briefings and knowledge-exchange with regional stakeholders**

*This session will feature concise briefings by partner organisations on a selected new study, resource, or project undertaken to promote women’s political empowerment and gender equality. Following the presentations, there will be dialogue on leveraging partnerships between parliamentarians and other stakeholders in order to strengthen processes and outcomes for gender equality. Delegates will furthermore share examples of effective and innovative models for this collective work.*

Moderator: Lebrechtta Nana Oye Hesse-Bayne (CIWiL)

Presenters:

- Institute for Gender and Development Studies, University of the West Indies – Dr. Halimah DeShong, Head & Lecturer
- UN Women Multi-Country Office – Caribbean – Tonni Brodber, Deputy Representative
- Commonwealth Secretariat – Tres-Ann Kremer, Adviser & Head of Good Offices for Peace, Governance and Peace Directorate
- No! to Online Harassment and Abuse (NOAH) – Ashell Forde, President
- CIWiL / ParlAmericas – Anande Trotman Joseph, CIWiL Chairperson, and Alisha Todd, Director General of ParlAmericas
- National Gender Machinery representative

11:45 – 12:30 Evaluations and vote of thanks

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 18:00 Closed-door bilateral meetings of partner organisations / National Gender Machinery Strategic Planning Meeting

### Wednesday, November 21, 2018

All day Departures of regional delegates



*In order to reduce our ecological foot print, the meeting documents and referenced materials will be available at [www.parlamericas.org](http://www.parlamericas.org). For easy access through your mobile phone, we invite you to download a QR code reader application.*

*Please note that certain sessions will be audio-recorded to become podcast episodes. Find ParlAmericas on iTunes and Google Play to listen to sessions and presentations from our past gatherings held across the hemisphere.*



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