

Annual Gathering of the Group of Women Parliamentarians
“**Women in Power: Recent Changes in the Political Arena**”
Paramaribo, Suriname – May 16-17, 2013
Preliminary Agenda

May 15

19:00 - 21:30 Welcome Reception
Welcoming words by the Secretary of the GoWP, Member of the Chamber of Deputies Mónica Zalaquett (Chile)

May 16

08:00 - 09:00 Accreditation of Participants

09:00 - 09:45 Official Inauguration
Words from the Acting President of the GoWP and Host of the Gathering, Hon. Jennifer Simons (Suriname) – *Speaker of the National Assembly*

09:45 - 12:45 **Session 1:** Women presidents of national legislatures
Hon. Jennifer Simons (Suriname) – *Speaker of the National Assembly*
Hon. Gisele Isaac-Arrindell (Antigua and Barbuda) – *Speaker of the House of Representatives*
(Coffee break during session)

12:45 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 - 17:15 **Session 2:** Leadership and political participation of women of African descent
Expert: Beatriz Ramírez Abella (Uruguay) – *Director of the National Women’s Institute of Uruguay (INMUJERES)*
(Coffee break during session)

17:15 - 17:30 Official Photograph

19:00 Dinner

May 17

09:00 - 12:00 **Session 3:** The effects of women’s participation in politics
Expert: Cynthia Barrow Giles (St. Lucia) – *Senior lecturer in Politics, University of the West Indies*
(Coffee break during session)

12:00 - 13:00 Keynote Speaker: Maureen Clarke Clarke (Costa Rica) – *President of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM); Minister of the Status of Women of Costa Rica; Executive Director of the National Women’s Institute of Costa Rica*

13:00 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 - 17:00 **Review draft conclusions and agree to final document**

17:00 Closing Remarks