



AGENDA

ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE GROUP OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS *Moving from Formal to Substantive Equality* Mexico City, June 24-25, 2014

Monday, June 23, 2014

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm **Reception and Welcoming Remarks**

- Jennifer Simons, Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname and President of the Group of Women Parliamentarians
- Marcela Guerra, Senator of Mexico and Host of the Gathering

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Accreditation**

9:00 am – 9:40 am **Official Inauguration and Opening Remarks**

- Marcela Guerra, Senator of Mexico and Host of the Gathering
- Maricela Velázquez Sánchez, Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico
- Ambassador Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
- Jennifer Simons, Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname and President of the Group of Women Parliamentarians
- Randy Hoback, Member of Parliament of Canada and President of ParlAmericas
- Raúl Cervantes Andrade, President of the Senate of Mexico

9:40 am – 10:00 am **Press Conference** (attended by the speakers of the head table at the official inauguration)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm **Session 1 – Achievements in Guaranteeing Equality: Experiences Promoting Legislation and Programs Benefiting Women**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Teresa Incháustegui

Moderator: Marcela Guerra, Senator of Mexico and Host of the Gathering

- Presentation and panel discussion among regional rapporteurs
- Q&A

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Official Photograph**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **Lunch**

2:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Session 2 – Barriers to Real Equality**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ramona Biholar

Moderator: Jennifer Simons, Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname and President of the Group of Women Parliamentarians

- Presentation and panel discussion among regional rapporteurs

- Q&A

7:30 pm **Dinner**

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

9:00 am – 12:30 pm **Strategic Planning – Bridging the Gap: Parliamentarians as Agents of Change**

- Review of the main themes that emerged in recommendations developed during previous events organized by the Group of Women Parliamentarians, and themes emerging from the previous day's sessions
- Prioritization of the themes according to specific criteria
- Discussion and identification of the strategies and/or actions that can be taken to work towards the themes, and commitments towards achieving this work

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm **Lunch**

2:30 pm – 4:45 pm **Strategic Planning (continued)**

- Identification of capacity training activities for future programming of the Group of Women Parliamentarians

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm **Closing Speaker**

- Guadalupe Valdez San Pedro, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic and member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Closing Remarks**

- Martha González Dávila, Member of the National Assembly of Nicaragua and Vice-President of the Group of Women Parliamentarians
- Jennifer Simons, Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname and President of the Group of Women Parliamentarians
- Marcela Guerra, Senator of Mexico and Host of the Gathering