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: 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

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