

AGENDA

Towards equality: More women shaping politics

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 | Sheraton Hotel - Chagres room, Panama City

With the objective of strengthening women's participation and leadership in the political sphere, this event will offer a wide variety of perspectives and strategies for the consolidation of inclusive, equal and transparent electoral and decision-making processes.

Based on the exchange of experiences and good practices among women leaders who contribute to the empowerment of women from different spheres - executive branch, legislative power, political parties and civil society, including women's organizations and youth forums - special emphasis will be placed on the importance of inter-institutional coordination for the promotion of women's political rights.

8:00 - 8:30 am Registration

8:30 - 9:00 am **Inauguration**

- H.E. **Juana Herrera Aráuz**, Minister of Women's Affairs and President of the Inter-American Commission of Women
- H.E.. **Kim Ursu**, Ambassador of Canada to Panama
- H.D. **Kayra Harding-Bart**, President of the Committee for Women, Children, Youth and Family of the National Assembly and Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality

9:00 - 9:45 am **Conversation panel - Civil society organizations perspectives on the promotion of women's political participation**

The purpose of this panel is to bring together representatives of civil society organizations to analyze the challenges women face when participating in electoral and decision-making processes, share experiences of women leaders who have overcome obstacles in their political careers, and provide tools to promote women's leadership in politics.

Moderator:

- **Lohanniz Gaitán Montenegro**, President, Foro Nacional de Juventudes de Partidos Políticos

Panellists:

- Former HD **Mariela Vega**, President, Asociación de Parlamentarias y Exparlamentarias de la República de Panamá (APARLEXPA)
- Prof. **Dalila Mosquera**, President, Foro Nacional de Mujeres de Partidos Políticos (FONAMUPP)

9:45 - 10:00 am Coffee break

10:00 - 11:30 am **Panel - Women leaders: Promoting equal participation within political parties**
Exchange space among representatives of the political parties' women's fronts and secretariats with the objective of sharing experiences, lessons learned and good practices for the promotion of women's participation and leadership in the political party environment.

Moderator:

- Mg. **Yara I. Campo**, Alternate Magistrate, Institutional Executive Director, Electoral Tribunal

Panellists:

- **Arelys González**, President, Frente Femenino del Partido Revolucionario Democrático (PRD)
- **Mireya Montemayor**, General Secretary, Women Secretariat, Partido Panameñista
- **Berta García de Guerrero**, Vice-President, Women Secretariat, Partido Popular (PP)
- HD **Ana Giselle Rosas**, National Secretary, Women Secretariat, Partido Cambio Democrático
- **Judy Meana**, Vice-President, Partido Molirena
- **Amarilis Khadine Smith Saldaña**, Officer, Women Secretariat, Movimiento Otro Camino (MOCA)
- **Niurka Palacios**, President, Women Secretariat, Partido Realizando Metas (RM)
- **Rudelda Guzmán**, President, National Women Secretariat, Partido Alternativa Independiente Social (PAIS)
- **Mariela González**, National Secretary, Women Secretariat, Partido Alianza (PA)
- **Beisy Broce**, Representative, Independientes

11:30 - 11:45 am **Reading of the Declaration**

11:45 - 12:00 **Closing**

- H.E. **Juana Herrera Aráuz**, Minister of Women's Affairs and President of the Inter-American Commission of Women



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