



**Group of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas**  
Second Regional Forum (Central and South America)

**“Women’s Leadership to Strengthen Democratic Governance”**

**Buenos Aires, Argentina – April 6 – 8, 2005**

**Chamber of Deputies**

Dr. Juan Carlos Pugliese Annex  
25 Riobamba, Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Suite 227  
Buenos Aires

**Objectives:**

- To build the capacity of parliamentarians to promote and implement gender-equity policies, through the sharing of experiences and best practices
- To assess the advancement of women thus far and identify key growth areas and tools for their participation in leadership and decision-making
- To submit recommendations to the Plenary Assembly of FIPA, with a view to the Fourth Summit of the Americas (Mar del Plata, Argentina, November 4 and 5, 2005) on “Creating Employment to Confront Poverty and Strengthen Democratic Governance”

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**Program**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

Arrival of participants.

6:00 pm Welcoming cocktail, *Dining Room of the Dr. Juan Carlos Pugliese Annex to the Chamber of Deputies. 25 Riobamba 25, 5<sup>th</sup> floor*

§ Opening remarks from the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, **Mr. Eduardo Oscar Camaño**

**Thursday, April 7, 2005**

9:00 am Registration of participants
<p><b>10:00 am Opening ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Margarita Stolbizer</b>, Chair of FIPA's Group of Women Parliamentarians</li> <li>▪ <b>Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette</b>, President of FIPA</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Luis Molinari Romero</b>, Member of FIPA's Executive Committee</li> <li>▪ <b>Senator Miriam Curletti</b>, Deputy Speaker of the Senate of Argentina</li> </ul>
10:45 am Coffee break
<p><b>First Session: <i>Women in Power and Decision-Making: Representation of women in the region's parliaments. Identifying and removing barriers.</i></b></p> <p>11:00 – 11: 40 am Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Line Bareiro</b>, Documentation and Study Centre (Paraguay): Overcoming adversity: building women's leadership</li> </ul> <p>National experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Graciela Camaño</b>, Chamber of Deputies of Argentina</li> <li>▪ <b>Senator Silvia Hernández</b>, Senate of Mexico</li> <li>▪ <b>Senator Ana María Mendoza de Acha</b>, Senate of Paraguay</li> </ul> <p>11:40 am – 1:00 pm Debate and wrap-up</p>
<p>1:00 – 2:30 pm Lunch, <i>Senate Dining Room</i>  <i>1849 Hipólito Irigoyen, 1<sup>st</sup> floor</i></p>
<p><b>Second session: <i>Women, Poverty and Employment Generation: The role of parliaments in reducing poverty among women and creating jobs.</i></b></p> <p>2:30 – 3:00 pm Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mercedes Kremenetzky</b>, Inter-American Commission of Women (ICW), Organization of American States (OAS)</li> </ul> <p>National experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Elsa Maria Guevara Aguirre</b>, Chamber of Deputies of Bolivia</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Iara Bernardi</b>, Chamber of Deputies of Brazil</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Blanca Flor Bonilla</b>, Legislative Assembly of El Salvador</li> </ul> <p>3:10 – 4:30 pm Debate and wrap-up</p>
4:30 – 4:50 pm Coffee break
<p><b>Third session: <i>Human Rights of Women &amp; Violence Against Women.</i></b></p> <p>4:50 – 5:30 pm: Presentations</p>

- **Susana Chiarotti**, Regional Coordination of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights (CLADEM)

National experiences:

- **Deputy Maria Antonieta Saa**, Chamber of Deputies of Chile
- **Deputy Cristina Lizardo**, Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

5:30 – 6:50 pm Debate and wrap-up

7:00 pm Reception hosted by S.E. Yves Gagnon, Ambassador of Canada in Argentina, Embassy of Canada, 2828 Tagle

**Friday, April 8, 2005**

*Day open to representatives of civil society*

9:30 – 10:00 am Registration of participants

**Fourth session: *Training women leaders: Enhancing women's political, economic and social leadership.***

10:00 – 10:40 am Presentations

- **Gloria Young**, Association of Parliamentarians and Ex-Parliamentarians of the Republic of Panama: ***Affirmative action for women to gain access to power in the political sphere***
- **Senator Margarita Percovich**, Senate of Uruguay
- **Marta Mas**, Economist and University Professor

10:40 – 12:00 am Debate and wrap-up

12:00 – 12:30 pm Press conference

12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch, *Dining Room in the Dr. Juan Carlos Pugliese Annex to the Chamber of Deputies, 25 Riobamba, 5<sup>th</sup> floor*

**2:00 – 3:00 pm Evaluatory discussion and presentation of final conclusions and recommendations**

**3:00 pm Adjournment and farewell**

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