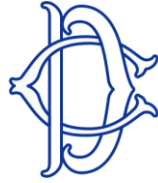




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WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS
GLOBAL FORUM (WIP)
WIP MEETING AT THE EXPO MILANO 2015



MILANO 2015

13 OCTOBER 2015

EXPO 2015, MILANO, ITALY

THE SPIRIT OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS: ADVANCING SOCIETY



OVERVIEW

Expo Milano 2015 is the Universal Exhibition that Milan is hosting from May 1 to October 31, 2015. Over this six-month period, Milan has become a global showcase where more than 140 participating countries show the best of their technology that offers a concrete answer to a vital need: being able to guarantee healthy, safe and sufficient food for everyone, while respecting the planet and its equilibrium.

"Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life" is the core theme of Expo Milano 2015 which provides an opportunity to reflect upon, and seek solutions to, the contradictions of our world. On one hand, there are still people going hungry (approximately 870 million people were undernourished in the period 2010-2012) and, on the other, there are those who die from ailments linked to poor nutrition or overconsumption (approximately 2.8 million deaths from diseases related to obesity or to being overweight in the same period). In addition, about 1.3 billion tons of foods are wasted every year. For these reasons, we need to make conscious political choices, develop sustainable lifestyles, and use the best technology to create a balance between the availability and the consumption of resources.

This meeting of female Members of Parliaments, organised by the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) in cooperation with the Italian Senate (Senato della Repubblica) and Chamber of Deputies (Camera dei Deputati), will address the topics of the Expo with sessions on agriculture and development, fight against food waste, health and nutrition.

The meeting will also focus on some key issues for the future of the entire planet. The Zero Hunger Challenge launched by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon in 2012 has raised awareness of the issue worldwide, however the road ahead is still a long one. The Milan meeting is expected to adopt a statement to be submitted to the UN Secretary-General on the occasion of his visit to Expo Milano on 16 October 2015.

About WIP

The *Women in Parliaments Global Forum* is an independent, non-profit making international foundation aiming to respond to global challenges through women's perspective. Participating women parliamentarians may tackle these challenges from the vantage point of national lawmakers, who can shape legislation and make a difference in national and international life.



Venue: Expo Milano 2015, Access through Triulza Ovest Gate
Press Conference Room - Expo Centre

TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:30-10:15 **OPENING SESSION**

Opening remarks by **Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Founder of WIP and former Vice President of the European Parliament

10:15-11:15 **SESSION 1: WOMEN IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **Patrizia Grieco** - Chairperson of ENEL
- **Marcela Villareal** - FAO, Director, Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development
- **Marisol Peñafiel Montesdeoca** - Member of the Ecuadorian National Assembly

Chair: **Marta Dassù** - Aspen Institute, Executive President of WE - Women for Expo

11:15-12:15 **SESSION 2: THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOD WASTE**

- **Emma Bonino** - Honorary President of WE - Women for Expo
- **Florence Tartanac** - FAO, Senior Officer and Group Leader of the Market Linkages and Value Chain Group
- **Maravillas Falcón Dacal** – Member of the Spanish Parliament, Vice President of the Committee on Agriculture, Food and Environment
- **Silvia Gaiani** - Research Fellow at the Department of Agri-Food Sciences, University of Bologna

Chair: **Anna Carbone** - Professor of Agriculture and Food Economics at Tuscia University and Vice -Chair of The Manlio Rossi-Doria Centre for social and economic research at Roma Tre University

12:15-13:15 **SESSION 3: NUTRITION AND HEALTH**

- **Emilia Grazia De Biasi** - Chairperson, Health Committee, Italian Senate
- **Lucilla Titta** - Advisor, IEO, Istituto Europeo di Oncologia, Coordinator of the SmartFood Programme on nutrition science and communication
- **Julie Ward** – Member of the European Parliament, UK



Chair: **Paola Testori Coggi** - Committee on Prices and Refunds, Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco (Italy's Drug Agency)

13:15-13:45 **PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT BY WIP FOUNDER SILVANA KOCH-MERIN AND SENATE VICE PRESIDENT LINDA LANZILLOTTA**

14:00 **LUNCH IN THE ITALIAN PAVILION AT EXPO MILANO, CARDO NORD OVEST (1ST FLOOR)**

Greetings to the participants by **Diana Bracco**, President of Expo 2015 and Commissioner General of Italy Pavilion.

In the afternoon, participants may visit the EXPO and country pavilions.