

The High-Level Event on Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development Post-2015 and Beijing+20: Women's Economic Empowerment and Sustainable Development – the Synthesis for Success

Date: March 2, Monday

Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas street 3

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Media Programme

11:45 - 12:00

12:00 - 12:30

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8.30	Media Centre opens (Entrance from the river side)
08:00 - 09:15	Registration
09:30 – 09:35	Welcoming remarks by Ms. Zanda Kalniņa – Lukaševica, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU Affairs of Latvia
09:35 – 10:15	 Launch of the High-level Event – Imants Ziedonis Hall, 1st floor Opening statements by: H.E. Ms. Ināra Mūrniece, Speaker of Parliament of Latvia Video message from H.E.Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
	 Mr Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Prof. Dr. Vaira Vīķe - Freiberga, former President of the Republic of Latvia, President of the Club de Madrid and EYD2015 Goodwill Ambassador Mr Moez Doraid, Director, UN System Coordination Division, UN Women
10:15 – 11:45	Panel 1: Empowering Economics: Enabling an Environment Conducive for Full Participation of Women – Imants Ziedonis Hall, 1 st floor Panelists:
	- Ms. Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands
	 Mr Lapo Pistelli, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
	- Ms Sofia Sprechmann, Programme Director, "CARE International"
	- Ms Cathy Pieters, Director, Cocoa Life Program, "Mondelez International"
	- Ms Federica Ortalli, Member of the Board, Milan Chamber of Commerce

Family photo - 1st Floor, Atrium

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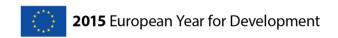
High-level Press Conference - Hall "Baltija", 1st floor

Ms. Zanda Kalniņa – Lukaševica, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU Affairs

Mr. Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and







Development

14:00 - 15:30

Panel 2: Women in Entrepreneurship: a Multidimensional Contribution to Sustainable Development - Imants Ziedonis Hall, 1st floor

Panelists:

- Ms Michaela Bergman, Chief Counsellor for Social Issues, EBRD
- Ms Helen Hai, CEO, "Made in Africa Initiative" and UNIDO Goodwill Ambassador
- Ms Rupa Ganguli, Founder and Director, 'SPINNA Circle"
- Ms Sofia Amaral de Oliveira, Technical Specialist on Conditions of Work and Employment, and Gender Equality, ILO
- Ms Annelies van den Berg, Senior Expert, Plan Nederland

16:00 - 17:30

Panel 3: Strengthening the Dimension of Women's Economic Empowerment in Post-2015 framework - Imants Ziedonis Hall, $1^{\rm st}$ floor

Panelists:

- Baroness Northover, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for International Cooperation, The Lead Spokesperson for International Development in the House of Lords, United Kingdom
- Mr Martin Bille Hermann, State Secretary for Development of Denmark
- Mr. Andris Piebalgs, the former European Commissioner for Development, EYD2015 Goodwill Ambassador
- Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Chair of the South Voice on the UN Post-2015 process, a former Ambassador to WTO and UN Offices in Geneva, Vienna
- Dr. Caren Grown, Senior Director for Gender, World Bank

17:30

Closing remarks

- Mr Uldis Augulis, the Minister of Welfare of Latvia
- Zanda Kalniņa Lukaševica, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU Affairs of Latvia

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