

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

- 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, 1st 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, "Mondelēz International"
 - Ms Federica Ortalli, Member of the Board, Milan Chamber of Commerce
- 11:45 – 12:00 **Family photo** - 1st Floor, Atrium
- 12:00 - 12:30 **High-level Press Conference** - Hall "Baltija", 1st floor
- Ms. Zanda Kalniņa – Lukaševica, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU Affairs of Latvia
 - 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, 1st 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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