

13th Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament (13SWSP)

Women at the centre: From confronting the pandemic to preserving achievements in a gender-responsive recovery

Vienna (Austria), 6 September 2021, 09:00-16:00 CEST
Austria Center Vienna, Hall D, Level -2

Final Programme

09:00–09:30	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen, Speaker of Parliament (Norway) and Chairperson of the Summit- Mr. Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the National Council (Austria)- Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
09:30–09:45	<p>Keynote address</p> <p>Ms. Ghada Fathy Ismail Waly, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna</p> <p>Group photo</p>
09.45-10:00	<p>Coffee break</p>
10:00–12:00	<p>Session 1:</p> <p><i>Women in the pandemic: A tribute to everyday heroes</i></p> <p>This first session aims at taking stock of, recognizing and paying tribute to women from all walks of life who have been instrumental in confronting the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Introductory remarks by Ms. Hedy Fry, Canadian MP and Special Representative on Gender Issues at the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE (video message)</p>
10:15–12:00	<p>Doha Debate style panel</p> <p><i>Session moderated by Ms. Christine Muttonen, International Expert and Managing Partner of Central East Connect</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debate on Motion 1: “Women working on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic are more effective in providing care and services than men in the same field”<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Claudia Ledesma Abdala de Zamora, Provisional President of the Senate (Argentina)- Ms. Fawzia Zainal, Speaker of the Council of Representatives (Bahrain)- Ms. Puan Maharani, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Indonesia)- Ms. Stephanie D'Hose, President of the Senate (Belgium) <p>Discussion among participants</p>

- Debate on Motion 2: “Women’s care work at home should be paid an hourly wage based on the national minimum wage”
 - *Ms. Inara Murniece, Speaker of Parliament (Latvia)*

Discussion among participants

- Debate on Motion 3: “Today, 60 per cent of women are not covered by any type of social protection. By 2030, universal and gender-responsive social protection systems will be available for everyone”
 - *Ms. Meritxell Batet, President of the Congress of Deputies (Spain)*
 - *Ms. Borjana Krišto, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Bosnia and Herzegovina)*
 - *Ms. Lesia Vasylenko, MP from Ukraine and President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians*

Discussion among participants

12:00–13:30

Lunch break

13:30 – 13.35

Special Remarks by Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President-Elect of the 76th UN General Assembly

13:35–15:30

Session 2:

Women in the post-pandemic recovery: Preserving achievements, furthering progress

This second session aims at identifying ways and means of preserving and consolidating women’s achievements and furthering progress in a gender-responsive recovery agenda, leaving no woman and no girl behind.

Introductory remarks by Ms. Pramila Patten, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Acting Executive Director of UN Women

13:45–15:30

Doha Debate style panel

Session moderated by Ms. Christine Muttonen, International Expert and Managing Partner of Central East Connect

- Debate on Motion 1: “Political will can make parity in parliament a reality globally by 2030”
 - *Ms. Esperança Laurinda Francisco Nheuane Bias, Speaker of the Assembly of the Republic (Mozambique)*
 - *Ms. Beatriz Argimón, President of the General Assembly and of the Senate (Uruguay)*
 - *Ms. Eliane Tillieux, President of the House of Representatives (Belgium)*

Discussion among participants

- Debate on Motion 2: “Laws, policies and resource allocations that aim to empower women economically will help achieve a global economic recovery post-pandemic”
 - Ms. Akiko Santo, *President of the House of Councillors (Japan)*
 - Ms. Galina Karelova, *Deputy Speaker of the Council of the Federation (Russian Federation)*
 - Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, *Chairwoman of the National Assembly (Azerbaijan)*
 - Ms. Fanny Carolina Salinas Fernández, *President of the Central American Parliament (PARLACEN)*
 - Ms. Anita Demetriou, *President of the House of Representatives (Cyprus)*
 - Ms. Claudia Roth, *Vice President of the German Bundestag (Germany)*

Discussion among participants

- Debate on Motion 3: “By 2030, violence against women and girls and harmful practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation will have disappeared”
 - Ms. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, *Speaker of Parliament (Bangladesh)*
 - Ms. Mabel M. Chinomona, *President of the Senate (Zimbabwe)*
 - Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, *President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE Parliamentary Assembly)*

Discussion among participants

15:30-15:45

Coffee break

15:45-16:00

Closing session

- Special remarks on the 14th Summit of Women Speakers of parliament by Ms. Tanzila Narbaeva, Chairwoman of the Senate (Uzbekistan) – video message
- Ms. Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen, Speaker of Parliament (Norway) and Chairperson of the Summit
- Mr. Harald Dossi, Secretary General of the Austrian Parliament
- Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

19.30

Social event organized by the Austrian Parliament

Opera “Tosca” at the Vienna Opera House (only for Women Speakers + one accompanying person each)