

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union  
Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs  
Secretariat of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting<sup>1</sup>  
International Women's Day 2017

**"WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: LET'S ACT TOGETHER"**

**Wednesday, 8 March 2017, from 15.00 to 21.00**  
**Thursday, 9 March 2017, from 09.00 to 12.30**

European Parliament in Brussels - József Antall room 2Q2

**Chaired by:**

**Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĖ, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 8 March 2017**

*13:15 - 14:45 (by invitation) Cocktail reception for members of national parliaments and Members of the European Parliament hosted by the Chair with special guest Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality (JAN Brasserie)*

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15.00 - 16.00

**Welcome by Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament**

Opening speech by **Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality**

Keynote speeches by

**Michaëlle Jean**, Secretary General of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie

**Dr Vandana Shiva**, author, activist, pioneer, scientific advisor, mother

**Alia El-Yassir**, UN Women Deputy Director at Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

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<sup>1</sup> Organised in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments and Directorate for Democracy Support

## 16.15 – 17.15 Parallel Workshops - block I

Workshop n° 1:

(room ASP 5G3)

**“Women in STEM: progress stalled or being eroded?”**

Organised in cooperation with the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Chaired by: Julie GIRLING

Expert: Jolanta Reingarde

Workshop n° 2:

(room JAN 2Q2)

**“Global perspective: freedom from violence and empowerment”**

Organised in cooperation with the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) of the European Parliament

Chaired by: Anna Maria CORAZZA BILDT

Experts: Lamya Haji Bashar, Hauwa Ibrahim

Workshop n° 3:

(room PHS 1A002)

**“Gender-sensitive policy making at the core of inclusive growth”**

Organised in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Chaired by: Angelika MLINAR

Expert: Tatyana Teplova

## 17.30 - 18.30 Parallel Workshops - block II

Workshop n° 4:

(room PHS 1A002)

**“Shall we wait a century to achieve work life balance for women and men?”**

Organised in cooperation with Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission (EC/DG JUST)

Chaired by: Iratxe GARCIA PEREZ

Expert: H el ene P erivier

Workshop n° 5:

(room JAN 2Q2)

**“Global Perspective: Women’s Economic Empowerment and the UN Sustainable Development Goals”**

Organised in cooperation with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)

Chaired by: Jordi SOL E

Expert: Alia El-Yassir

Presentation by: Augusto Lopez Claros, Director, Global Indicators Group

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Organised in cooperation with Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the  
European Commission (EC)  
(Members' Restaurant)

- 18.45 – 19:45 **Award ceremony for the EU Prize for Women Innovators**  
announcing the Rising Innovator 2017 and the three winners of the EU Prize for  
Women Innovators 2017 with:  
**Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation**  
**Mairead McGuinness, Vice-President, European Parliament**
- 19.45 - 21:00 Networking Dinner for the EU Prize for Women Innovators with Members of  
national Parliaments and of the European Parliament and invited guests

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### Thursday, 9 March 2017

- 9.00 - 9.30 **Keynote speeches by special guests:**  
**Lamya Haji Bashar**, Yazidi human rights activist, Sakharov Prize laureate 2016  
**Hauwa Ibrahim**, Nigerian human rights lawyer, Sakharov Prize laureate 2005  
Co-chaired by **Pier Antonio PANZERI**, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights
- 9:30 - 10.30 Rapporteurs' reporting from workshops
- 10.30 - 12.00 Debate
- 12:00 - 12:15 European Commission: Presentation of the WEgate platform  
The Youth Ambassadors of the ONE Campaign
- 12:15 - 12:30 **Closing: Mairead McGuinness, Vice-President, European Parliament - tbc**

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