

PROGRAM

Sunday, 12th March 2017

International Guests Arrive

Stay: Marriott Hotel Islamabad

1930 - 2100 Dinner with live music hosted by the Women's Parliamentary Caucus

DAY ONE

Monday, 13th March , 2017

INAUGURAL SESSION

VENUE: Marriott Hotel, Islamabad

08:30 - 08:45am Participants to arrive at the Conference Hall

08:50 am Participants to be seated

08:55 am All gates closed

09:00 -09:05 am Conference to commence with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran

09:05 - 09:20 am Formal Welcome Address by MNA Shaista Pervaiz Malik, Secretary WPC

09:20 - 9:30 am Welcome address by the Speaker National Assembly

9:30 - 9:40 am Opening Remarks by Patron WPC

9:40 - 9:50 am **Light Program [Songs] (??)**

9:50 - 10:00 am Address by the Speaker National Assembly

10:00 - 10:15am Address by the Chief Guest (TBA)

10:15 - 11: 00 Tea break

11:00 - 1300 PLENARY ONE

THEME:

Confronting Terrorism for a Peaceful Democratic World

- Women's Role in De-radicalising the Youth
- Inclusion of Women in decision making in the Law Enforcement
- Rising trend of Women Recruits in Terrorist Groups

OR/AND

- Inclusive, Accountable and Strong democratic institutions for ensuring peace and stability _ The role of political parties in positioning women in peace dialogues and decision making
- Effective role of women parliamentarians in promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies for women’s socio-economic empowerment
- Role of media in curbing political violence and reassessing its rhetoric while covering news/stories on terrorism _ a responsible way forward

1300 - 1400 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00 - 1600 **GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

[Three Parallel Sessions Will Be Held]

1830 - 1930 **Visit to the Parliament**

1930 - 2130 **Conference Dinner hosted by the Speaker National Assembly**

DAY TWO

Tuesday 14th March, 2017

08:45 - 09:00 **Participants to gather in the Conference Hall**

09:00 - 10:30 **PLENARY TWO**

Confronting Ignorance for a healthy and educated Citizenry

“Accelerating the Achievement of SDGs and the Role of Women Parliamentarians”

The session will review and promote a gender-responsive and rights-based approach to implementing, monitoring and reporting on the SDGs for women’s social, economic and cultural empowerment. It will deliberate on the foundations for approaches as already have been laid

down in international human rights conventions for addressing issues of violence against women that thrive in the absence of women's rights;

Panel of Experts:

- 1) Marriyum Aurengzeb, Minister of State for Information/ Chairperson SDGs Secretariat, Parliament House
- 2) Dr. Attiya Inayatullah, former parliamentarian/ development expert
- 3) Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali, Social Development Expert

The Panelists will speak for 5-7 minutes each on the subject

10:30 – 12:30

Thematic Group Discussions [Three Simultaneous Thematic Groups]

The discussion will revolve around:

- *Good Governance and the Rule of Law – The Way to Sustainable Development*
- *Implementation of International Commitments i.e. CEDAW, CRC, UNCRPD and ICCPR vis a vis the SDGs (Goals 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10,13 & 16)*
- *Meeting the National and International Commitments for Development Agenda- One Step Forward, Two Steps back*
- *Mainstreaming of SDGs for the implementation by stakeholders and the state*
- *Gender Responsive Budgeting - Financing Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Sustainable Development Goals*

12:30 – 1330

LUNCH BREAK

1330 – 1500

PLENARY THREE

Confronting Biases for an Inclusive Society

[GBV & VAW]

“Social Inequalities and Injustices within Societies – Issues of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Violence Against Women (VAW); The Role of Women Parliamentarians in addressing the Issues and Gaps”

Participants to be divided into three groups; Discussions to focus around:

- Situational Analysis of the prevailing issues within the regions with special reference to GBV & VAW, its socio-cultural, economic, political and legal basis and justifications;
- What level of inequalities undermine social cohesion? Review of perceptions of injustice based on indicators from scientific and empirical evidence;
- Legislative measures adopted so far on the given issues and prevalent lacunas in the area _ Role of women parliamentarians in building alliances to review and lobby for effective legislation;

Theme Two: *Social inequalities within societies: How women in Parliament can bring about change?*

Participants to be divided into three groups; Discussion to revolve around situational analysis of:

- *Women influencing the political agenda, policy making and legislation for inclusive sustainable development*
- *Existing and Potential Mechanisms Supporting a Meaningful and Substantive Role of Women Parliamentarians In Realizing their Mandate*
- *Inclusion of women with disabilities and Transgenders in contributing to sustainable development*
- *Experiences from participating Countries – Discussing Similarities and mechanisms*
- *Strategies for Working With Fellow Parliamentarians and achieving Gender equality*

1500 - 1515 **Tea Break**

1515 - 1715 **Thematic Group Discussions [Three Simultaneous Thematic Groups]**

DAY THREE

Tuesday 15th March, 2017

09:00 - 10:30 **PLENARY FOUR**

Confronting Environmental Challenges for a Safer Tomorrow

- Impact of climate change on women's socio-economic and cultural lives; addressing the threat and drudgery of climate change on women
- Gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction; Role of women Parliamentarians in developing gender responsive strategies

10:30 - 1200 **Thematic Group Discussions [Three Simultaneous Thematic Groups]**

1200 - 13:30 **CLOSING PLENARY**

“Building Alliances - Women and Parliamentarians Working Together”

- *How women's organizations, including the state gender machinery, can support women in parliament and other decision-making positions in promoting social justice collectively*
- *Mechanisms to promote coordination between women's organizations, civil society and women in parliament*
- *Building Alliances: Strengthening the existing regional women parliamentarians associations _ Discussion on how to make these associations sustainable and effective*
- *Coordination of Women Parliamentarians at a Regional Level_ Revival of the Association of Women Parliamentarian from South Asia*

<u>Chief Guest:</u>	Senator Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan (TBA)
<u>Chair:</u>	MNA Dr. Fehmida Mirza/ Patron WPC (TBA)
1200-1230	Address of the Chair; Revival of the SAARC Women Parliamentarians' Association, followed by discussion, if any
1230 - 1245	Presentation of Conference Declaration
1245 - 1255	Concluding Address of the Chief Guest
1255 - 1300	Vote of Thanks by the Secretary WPC
1300 - 1400	Lunch

CONFERENCE CONCLUDES