



WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS GLOBAL FORUM (WIP)

THE SPIRIT OF WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS:
ADVANCING SOCIETY



Kofi Annan

United Nations Secretary General 1997-2006

“By meeting at the Women in Parliaments Global Forum you are strengthening important networks and highlighting the benefits of women’s participation”



Angela Merkel

Chancellor of Germany

“Via WIP Parliamentarians from across the globe are given a platform in order to exchange, to discuss common solutions to global problems and at the same time support each other”



Hillary Clinton

Former United States Secretary of State

“I am so delighted that the Women in Parliaments Global Forum is bringing together female Parliamentarians so that we can work to expand your influence and increase your numbers”



Muhammad Yunus

Founder of Grameen Bank and Foundation,
Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize

“WIP is a very powerful body of women who are dedicated to changing the lives of women forever”



Viviane Reding

Member of the European Parliament,
Vice President of the European
Commission (2010-2014),
European Commissioner (1999-2014)

“Women in Parliaments has been a model in our European Parliament and you have made a real breakthrough, that’s a historical one, it is going to be the first ever done and others will follow”



Michelle Bachelet

President of the Republic of Chile (2006-2010;
2014-Present)
Executive Director of UN Women (2010-2014)

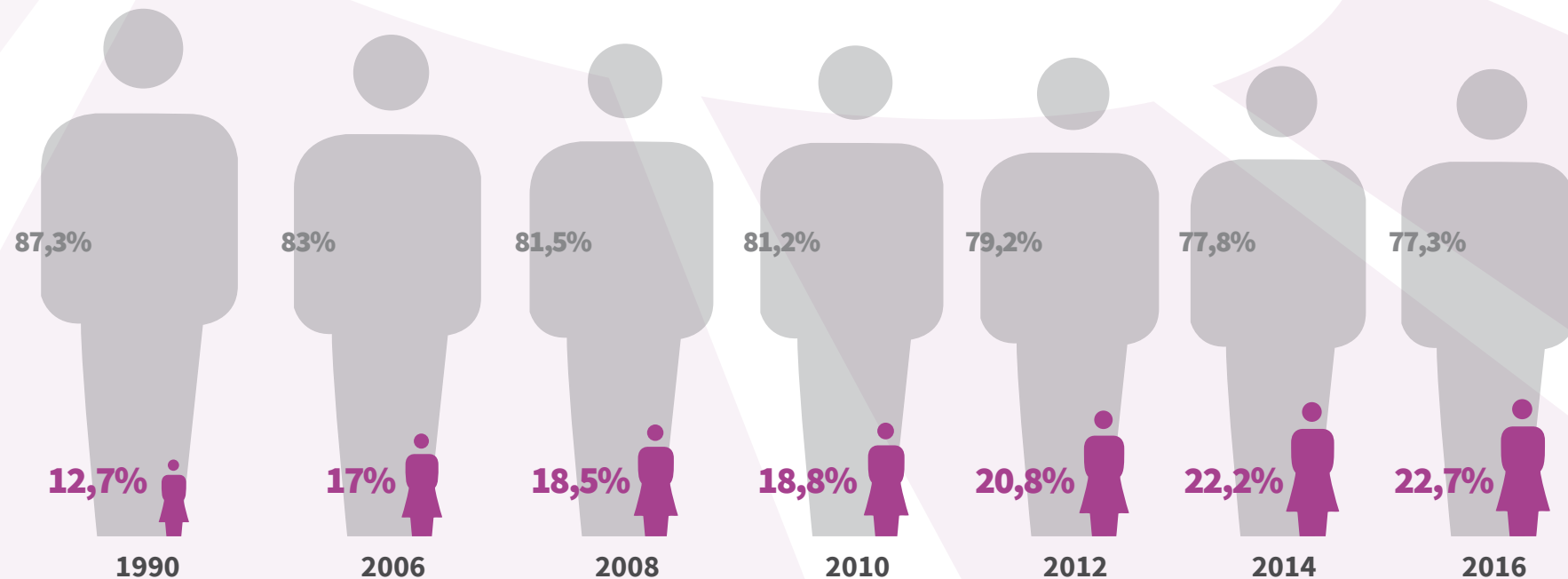
“WIP Summits complement and reinforce the job that the UN and other institutions fight for, to build a better world that is more inclusive and where we all can prosper”

WIP MISSION



WIP IS THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF FEMALE POLITICIANS, ACTIVE ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Women are underrepresented in decision-making positions. Today, almost 80% of Parliamentarians are men. WIP aims to see greater gender balance in politics, reflecting the diversity of our societies.



WIP NETWORK



9000 FEMALE PARLIAMENTARIANS

WIP reaches out to all female Parliamentarians who are working on a national level. Female politicians from more than **130 countries** have engaged in WIP activities.



WIP NETWORK



WIP GLOBAL ADVISORY BOARD

Outstanding political leaders and influential personalities have endorsed the WIP Mission Statement by becoming Members of the WIP Advisory Board. They oversee and provide guidance for WIP initiatives.



Abdulaziz Othman
Altwaijri



Zainab Bangura



José Manuel
Barroso



Irina Bokova



Kathy Calvin



Ertharin Cousin



Nkosazana
Dlamini-Zuma



Benita Ferrero-
Waldner



Jane Goodall



Rebeca Grynspan



Tarja Halonen



Mo Ibrahim



Jeni Klugman



Pascal Lamy



Laura Liswood



Denis Mukwege



Ana Palacio



Lakshmi Puri



Sheika H.R. Al Khalifa



Viviane Reding



Olli Rhen



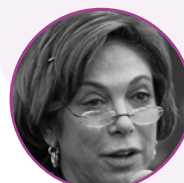
Uschi Schreiber



Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir



Peter Sutherland



Laura Tyson



Jody Williams



Muhammad Yunus



Saadia Zahidi

WIP NETWORK



WIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

The WIP Executive Board provides guidance for all the WIP activities in different national Parliaments. The Board also coordinates the network of WIP Ambassadors and the WIP Working Councils.



**Hanna Birna
Kristjánsdóttir**

Member of the Parliament of Iceland. She is the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She was the Minister of Interior and the Mayor from Reykjavík. She is the Chair of the WIP Executive Board.



Linda Lanzillotta
Vice-President of the Italian Senate. She was the Minister for regional affairs and local communities between 2006 and 2008.



Loren Legarda
Member of the Senate of the Philippines. She is the Chair of the Senate Committees on Finance and Climate Change.



Lucero Saldaña
Member of the LXII Legislature of the Mexican Senate, President of the Commission of Foreign Affairs and non-governmental organisations



Silvana Koch-Mehrin
Founder of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) and former Vice-President of the European Parliament.



Donatille Mukabalisa
Speaker of the Parliament of Rwanda

WIP NETWORK



WIP COUNTRY AMBASSADORS

WIP has established strong and direct cooperation with many Parliaments worldwide. The WIP Country Ambassadors are core to the activities of WIP. WIP Ambassadors are senior Members of Parliament, which are appointed as Ambassador by the President of a Parliament.



WIP NETWORK



WIP PARTNERS

The Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) is supported by a variety of non-governmental organisations, foundations, institutions and other civil society actors, which are valuable contributions to WIP's mission. These communities bring expertise from a wide range of fields to collaborate together with the Women in Parliaments Global Forum as the elected societal leaders, on finding and advocating solutions to global challenges. We are grateful for their generous support.

GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS



NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



NON GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS



ACADEMIC PARTNERS



WIP NETWORK



COUNCIL OF WOMEN WORLD LEADERS

The Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL) is the only network of current and former women prime ministers and presidents. It was established in 1996 by Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, President of Iceland (1980-1996) and the first woman in the world to be democratically elected president, Mary Robinson, the President of Ireland (1990-1997) and Laura Liswood, the Secretary General of CWWL. The Council is currently chaired by the President of Lithuania, Dalia Grybauskaite. WIP is honoured to be partnering with this network of glass ceiling crushers and role models.



WIP SUMMITS



2014

WIP Study Trip to Iceland



2016

WIP Summit in Jordan



2015

WIP Summit in Mexico



2014

WIP Summit in Rwanda



2013

WIP Inaugural Summit
at the European Parliament

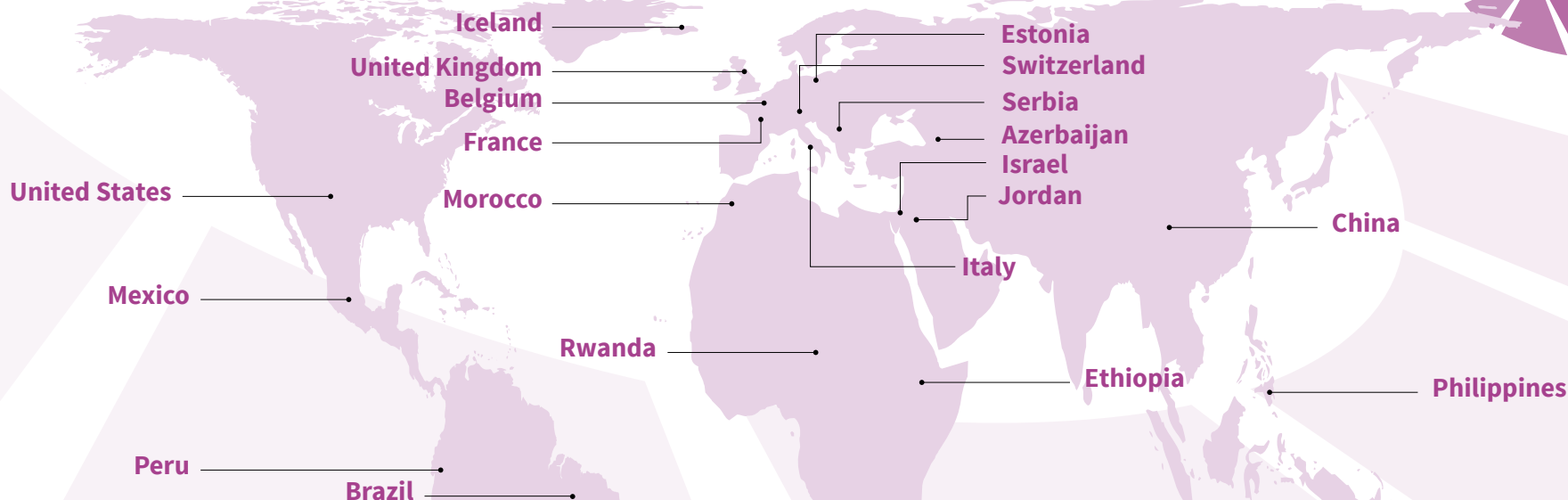


2015

WIP Global Summit 2015 at the
African Union Commission



WIP EVENTS WORLDWIDE



AZERBAIJAN

- WIP at the III Global Baku Forum on Shared Societies, 2015

BELGIUM

- WIP session at the Crans Montana Forum, 2014 & 2015
- Round Table on World Bank's Report on Women, Business and the Law 2015 & 2016
- WIP Study Report, European Parliament, 2016

BRAZIL

- WIP Latin America Reunion, 2014

CHINA

- APEC Women Leaders Lunch, 2014

ESTONIA

- WIP at the Women in Politics Seminar, 2016

ETHIOPIA

- WIP at the Third International Conference, 2015
- African Union Gender Pre-Summit, 2016

FRANCE

- WIP at the OECD Global Parliamentary Days, 2015
- WIP at the OECD Forum, 2015
- WIP at the OECD Global Parliamentary Network Meeting, 2015
- WIP at the COP21, 2015
- WIP at the OECD Parliamentary Network Meeting, 2016

ITALY

- WIP at the EXPO Milan, 2015

ISRAEL

- Women in Defence Round Table, Knesset

MEXICO

- WIP Study Report, Senate of Mexico

MOROCCO

- WIP Session on Women in Parliaments in Islamic Society, 2014

PERU

- WIP at the APEC Leaders Summit

PHILIPPINES

- APEC Women Leaders Breakfast, 2015

SERBIA

- WIP at the Conference of female MPs from South East Europe, 2015

SWITZERLAND

- WIP at the WEF Annual Meeting, 2015 & 2016

UNITED STATES

- WIP at the World Bank/IMF Annual Meeting, 2014 & 2015
- WIP at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), 2015
- WIP at UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), 2015
- WIP at the UN General Assembly, 2015
- WIP at the UNGA, 2016

UNITED KINGDOM

- Trust Women Conference, 2014
- Presentation of the WIP-World Bank Study, 2015

WIP ADVOCACY



WIP Advocacy work aims to raise awareness and lift topics on the global agenda. WIP brings female Parliamentarians, WIP partners and WIP supporters together to encourage the changes necessary to achieve gender equality in politics.

PAST



WIP call for strengthening women's participation in peace processes



Women in Parliaments #makeithappen campaign



CURRENT



WIP Leadership Campaign



UPCOMING



Girls in Parliament

WIP AWARDS

WIP believes that best practice examples are most convincing and can serve to encourage others. Based on the ranking of the World Economic Forum's **Global Gender Gap** Report resulting from the collaboration between the Harvard University and University of California, Berkeley, and the Inter Parliamentary Union's **ranking of Women in Politics**, the WIP Awards recognise countries for their political empowerment of women and countries which show regional leadership in closing the gender gap.



WIP AWARDS



WIP Awards in the categories of:

- Political Empowerment
- Closing the Gender Gap (by region)
- Achievements in Closing the Gender Gap in the Arab World
- Lifetime Achievements in Female Political Empowerment



WIP Awards Ceremony at the WIP Inaugural Summit, 2013, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium.



Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, the first woman in the world to be democratically elected Head of State, received the “WIP Award for Lifetime Achievements in Female Political Empowerment” during the WIP Study Trip to Iceland in 2014.

WIP STUDIES



WIP aims to build knowledge about the current situation of female politicians by highlighting data and evidence that can support the advocacy for policy changes.

CURRENT



The Female Political Career



WIP-Facebook-Harvard, study on the use of social media by women in politics

WIP POLICY WORK

WIP WORKING COUNCILS

WIP strengthens the cooperation between female Parliamentarians in a variety of policy areas. The in-depth knowledge in a certain policy area is guaranteed by partnering with a Specialised international institution.

WIP Working Councils are created to address current topics in the global arena. They consist of select female MPs and invited experts from business, institutions and academia. Members of the WIP Working Councils meet several times a year to discuss ideas, exchange best practices, explore possibilities for a concrete political action and analyse steps undertaken.



Launch of the WIP Working Council on Disaster Risk Reduction, October 2015, Mexico

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Stephanie Michel

Stephanie Michel is Legal Counsel at WIP. She runs the legal department of WIP. She is a Professor at the University of Hannover, Germany, her home country. She previously managed the German association of notaries and worked many years as a solicitor.



Patrick Stach

Attorney-at-law and public notary; member of the board of governors of the University of St. Gallen and of the board of directors of multiple international companies, such as BHF Bank (Schweiz) AG.



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