

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the Women in Parliaments Global Forum, and the National Democratic Institute proudly present:

Money Matters: Female Parliamentarians and Domestic Financing for an Equal Post-2015 Agenda

Monday, July 13 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Elilly International Hotel

Guinea Conakry St. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Presented as a side event for female parliamentarians at the United Nations' Third International Conference on Financing for Development

Focusing on female members of parliament, this side event will pay special attention to the role domestic resource mobilization plays in achieving key goals such as gender equality and women's empowerment. The session will also include a briefing on the emerging Post-2015 Financing for Development consensus and the draft Sustainable Development Goals as well as an interactive Q&A section that will serve as a basis for a toolkit that aims to guide female parliamentarians in their work on resource mobilization in their national contexts.

Confirmed Speakers Include:

Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission Giovanie Biha, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECA Geraldine Moleketi-Fraser, Special Envoy on Gender, African Development Bank Caren Grown, Senior Director Gender Group, World Bank Group Linda McAvan, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the European Parliament Development Committee













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Welcome

15.30-15:45 **Keynote Speech**

Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission

15:45-16:25 Panel 1: Sustainable Development and Gender Equality

This panel will address the emerging Post-2015 Financing for Development consensus, the draft SDGs and the role of domestic resource mobilisation in achieving the new goals. Special attention will be given to gender equality and women's empowerment.

Introduction:

Giovanie Biha, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Speakers:

Geraldine Moleketi-Fraser, Special Envoy on Gender, African Development Bank Linda McAvan, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the European Parliament Development Committee

Lead Discussant:

Sandra Pepera, Director, Gender, Women and Democracy, National Democratic Institute (NDI)

16:20-16:50 Panel 2: The Gender Dimension of Tax Systems

This panel will look at Domestic Resources Mobilization (DRM) and tax systems through a gender lens. The participants will discuss new strategies for generating domestic resources to finance development while highlighting the need for more equitable tax systems.

Speakers:

Caren Grown, Senior Director Gender Group, World Bank Group

Lead Discussant:

Ngone Diop, Senior Gender Advisor, African Centre for Gender, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

17:00 - 17:10 **Short Break**

17:10 - 17:50 Q&A to Inform Toolkit on Mobilizing Domestic Resources for an Equal Post-2015 Agenda:

During the assessment portion of this event, NDI will facilitate an interactive discussion with female parliamentarians regarding opportunities for and challenges to democratic and gender-sensitive domestic resourcing. This conversation will provide the basis for a toolkit to guide female parliamentarians in their work to finance goals set out by the post-2015 agenda, including gender equality and women's empowerment.

17:50-18:00 Concluding Remarks and Next Steps