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**International Forum on
Women's Political Empowerment**
7 September 2017, Budapest
Corvinus University of Budapest
(Fővám tér 8, Auditorium, Lecture room II)

AGENDA

- 08.30 – 09.00 Registration of participants and welcome coffee
- 09.00 – 09.30 **Opening Remarks**
- Dr. Tamás Pesuth, Director of International Relations, Corvinus University of Budapest
 - Ambassador Petri Tuomi-Nikula, Embassy of Finland in Budapest
 - Dr. Enikő Pap, Secretary of the Hungarian Women's Lobby
 - Dr. Marcin Walecki, Head of Democratization Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- 09.30 – 11.00 **High-Level Panel**
- Women's participation in national parliaments in the OSCE region stands at 26.6 per cent on average, failing to meet the 30 per cent target of the Beijing Platform for Action. This session will discuss concrete actions for accelerating progress towards women's full and equal political participation implemented in the OSCE region. It will feature good practices and successful initiatives for advancing women's representation and influence. The session will particularly highlight the importance of adequate legal and policy measures alongside gender mainstreaming strategies in political parties and parliaments.*
- Ms. Mónika Dunai, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Parliamentary Subcommittee for Women's Dignity, National Assembly of Hungary
 - Ms. Doris Pack, President of the EPP Women (European People's Party)
 - Ambassador Marina Kaljurand, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
 - Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Member of Parliament, Former Minister for Development and State Ownership, President of European Institute of Peace, Finland
 - Ms. Borbála Juhász, Member of European Women's Lobby Task Force on Central Eastern European, Baltic and Balkan States
- Chair: Dr. Andrea Pető, Professor, Department of Gender Studies, Central European University

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11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Session 1: What is the role of political parties in getting women into politics?**

Political parties are very often referred to as the “gatekeepers” of democracy – and of women’s political participation in particular as a result of the unique and fundamental role they play in democratic processes. This session will convene Hungarian parliamentary party groups to discuss the role of political parties in advancing women’s political participation and the integration of gender aspects into internal political party decision-making processes.

- Ms. Nóra Király, Vice-Mayor of Újbuda (11th District of Budapest), Fidesz
- Ms. Dóra Dúró, Member of Parliament, Movement for a Better Hungary (Jobbik)
- Dr. Bernadett Szél, Member of Parliament, Leader of the Parliamentary Group of Politics Can Be Different (LMP)
- Ms. Tiina Kukkamaa-Bah, Chief of Democratic Governance and Gender Unit, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Chair: Dr. Beáta Nagy, Professor, Director of the Institute of Sociology and Social Policy, Corvinus University of Budapest

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 2: How can the women’s movement support women’s political empowerment?**

The women’s movement contributes to democratic consolidation by strengthening governance mechanisms in support of gender equality and promoting open, transparent and inclusive decision-making processes. It also plays a key role in promoting women’s rights and principles of gender equality. This session will discuss the women’s movement’s relevance and contributions to advancing women’s political participation through different approaches: by encouraging women to enter into politics and supporting their candidacies; by raising awareness among the electorate and political stakeholders about the barriers women face in political and public life; by working to combat gender-based stereotypes about women’s political capacities; and, by promoting dialogue among political stakeholders.

- Ms. Johanna Pakkanen, Secretary General of the Coalition of Women’s Associations NYTKIS, Finland
- Ms. Réka Sáfrány, Chair of the Hungarian Women’s Lobby
- Ms. Caroline Kirrane, Volunteer, Women for Election, Ireland
- Mr. Csongor Fényes, Corvinus University of Budapest

Chair: Ms. Ajla van Heel, Adviser on Gender Equality, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 17.00

Session 3: How can we engage youth for gender equality in politics?

Youth today has more opportunities than previous generations to influence the development of policies due to better access to information, technology, education and training. However their role as agents of change for gender equality often appears limited. This session will discuss how to overcome the notion that gender equality is a “women’s problem” or “problem of the past”, and to promote it as a priority for society and politics in a range of forums. The session will also touch on the potential of inter-generational co-operation and alliance building among women and men.

- Ms. Nóra Kiss, Chair of the Network of Young People for Gender Equality (REDE), Portugal
- Dr. Henriett Dinók, Director of Romaversitas
- Mr. Endre Borza, Representative of the Rajk László College for Advanced Studies
- Ms. Barbara Menyhárt, Chair of the Students’ Union of Eötvös Loránd University Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Needs Education

Chair: Dr. Réka Várnagy, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Political Science, Corvinus University of Budapest

17.00 – 17.30

Closing Session

- Dr. Eva Fehringer, Chairperson of the Gender Equality Commission, Council of Europe
- Ambassador Olav Berstad, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Budapest
- Dr. Gabriella Ilonszki PhD, DSc, political scientist, Professor Emerita at Corvinus University of Budapest