



WIP

WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS
GLOBAL FORUM

SUMMER SUMMIT 2014

1 - 3 JULY 2014

UMUTWE W'ABADEPITE, CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
KIGALI, RWANDA

4 JULY 2014

OFFICIAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
LIBERATION DAY OF RWANDA



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EVENT OVERVIEW

The Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) is organising its 3-day "Summer Summit 2014" in Rwanda from 1 to 3 July 2014.

The event will be held in cooperation with the Parliament of Rwanda, which for the first time in its history will open its plenary for a conference of a group of female Parliamentarians from around the world. On Friday, 4 July 2014, the day after the WIP Summer Summit, all participants will be invited to take part in the official celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Liberation Day of Rwanda.

20 years after the Tutsi genocide, Rwandan society has experienced an extraordinary process of state building. One of the important measures taken to reunite society was female empowerment, particularly in politics, "ensuring that women are granted at least thirty per cent of posts in decision making organs" (Article 9.4, Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda). As a result, 64% of Parliamentarians in Rwanda are women. Since the election of 2008, Rwanda is the first country to have a majority of women in its Parliament.

The WIP Summer Summit 2014 will give participants first hand insights into Rwandan society, built on the values of gender equality and female social, economic and political empowerment. Participants will be meeting with Ministers, Parliamentarians, business women and men, academics and societal stakeholders.

Field Visits organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Gender of Rwanda and international Organisations such as the World Bank, UNDP and UN Women, and Partners of WIP will give participants first hand insights about the impact of a high percentage of women in Parliament on society.



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TUESDAY, 1 JULY

- 08:30 Arrival and Registration
Umutwe w'A badepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda
- 09:00 **OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME WORDS**
Plenary, Umutwe w'A badepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda
- By **Paul Kagame**, President of Rwanda
- Speech by HE **Donatille Mukabalisa**, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda
- Speech by **Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Founder Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP)
- Speech by Guest of Honour
- 10:00 **GROUP PICTURE WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS**
Plenary, Umutwe w'A badepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda
- 10:30 Tea / Coffee Break
- 11:00 **VISIT TO KIGALI GENOCIDE MEMORIAL CENTER**
Gisozi, Kigali Rwanda
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:00 **SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARY FILM "RWANDAN ACHIEVEMENTS IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT"**
Plenary, Umutwe w'A badepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda

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14:15

PANEL I - INTERACTIVE PLENARY SESSION

Plenary, Umutwe w'Abadepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda

“Gender Balance in Politics and its role in societal change”

Keynote

Panel Discussion

- 2 Rwandan Representatives
- 2 WIP Representatives

16:00

Tea / Coffee Break

16:30

SPECIAL SESSIONS: IMPACT STORIES

organised by Partner Organisations

Umutwe w'Abadepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda

Special Sessions at the WIP Summer Summit in Rwanda are a forum of debate between female Parliamentarians from the WIP network and the organisations hosting the special session. Hosting organisations have acquired specific expertise and are global leaders on the topics discussed.

- **“Presentation of the UN Women Constitutional Database”,** organised by **UN Women**
- **“Economic Empowerment of Women – the driving force to end Poverty”,** organised by **Oxfam International**
- **“Stopping Violence against Women - Legislation on Prevention and Prosecution”,** organised by the **Man up Campaign**
- **“Child Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation – ending wrong traditions”,** organised by **Girls not Brides**

18:30

Transfer to hotels

19:30

WELCOME DINNER AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, HOSTED BY THE PARLIAMENT OF RWANDA

Serena Hotel, Boulevard de la Revolution, Kigali 250, Rwanda

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WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY

FIELD VISIT DAY

Field Visits organised by WIP Partner Organisations

**The World Bank
UNDP
UN Women
Parliament of Rwanda**

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| 09:00 | Departure from Hotel to different Field Visit locations |
| 13:30 | Lunch in different Field Visit locations |
| 17:00 | Return to Hotel |
| | Individual evening programme & dinner at hotels |

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THURSDAY, 3 JULY

8:30 Arrival at the Parliament of Rwanda

9:00 **INTERACTIVE PLENARY SESSION**

Plenary, Umutwe w'Abadepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda

Opening by **HE Donatille Mukabalisa**, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda

- Report from Field Visits
- Short Statements by Delegations
- Question and Answer Session

10:30 Tea / Coffee Break

11:00 **PANEL II - INTERACTIVE PLENARY SESSION**

Plenary, Umutwe w'Abadepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda

"Post 2015 Millennium Development Goals: the Impact of Female Parliamentarians" – including a Special Session on the Rights of the Girl

Keynote

Panel Discussion

- 2 Rwandan Representatives
- 2 WIP Representatives

12:30 **PANEL - INTERACTIVE PLENARY SESSION**

Plenary, Umutwe w'Abadepite, Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda

"Lessons Learnt: How to Keep Peace?"

Keynote

- HE Jean Damascene Ntawukulirayo, President of the Senate of Rwanda

Panel Discussion

- 2 Rwandan Representatives
- 2 WIP Representatives

13:30 Farewell Lunch including exhibition by Rwandese Women Cooperatives / Associations

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FRIDAY, 4 JULY

All participants will be invited to take part in the official celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Liberation Day of Rwanda.

9:00 **Pick up by bus at the hotels**

10:00 **Liberation Day Ceremony**
Amahoro Stadium, Kigali

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PLENARY DEBATES

In the framework of WIP Summer Summit 2014, Plenary Debates will bring together 4-6 panellists, each renowned experts or practitioners in their field from politics, society, business and academia (host country and internationally). Introductory remarks by panellists strictly limited to 5 minutes. A short panel discussion follows, after which the floor will be opened to all participants. Plenary Debates are chaired by a Member of Parliament and moderated by a journalist.

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FIELD VISITS

The WIP Summer Summit "Field Visits" - in cooperation with the hosting Parliament, World Bank, UNDP and UN Women - will provide participants with first-hand insights into local projects exemplary for gender equality and female empowerment in business, society, public institutions, research facilities, etc. Such on-site visits should break with gender-stereotypes, showcase extraordinary achievements and provide inspirations for participants to foster similar initiatives in their home country.

FUTHER INFORMATION

- Article by Donatille Mukabalisa, Hon Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Rwanda Parliament: <http://www.wip-gf.net/news/rebuilding-rwanda-how-women-are-leading-way-article-donatille-mukabalisa-hon-speaker-chamber>
- Speech by Donatille Mukabalisa at the WIP Annual Summit 2013: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ryxbUt2sTU>
- Award Ceremony for Rwanda at the WIP Annual Summit 2013: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFIB0A-nbHs>
- Film "Celebrated a Success Story": <http://vimeo.com/85805009>

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