Transforming the World: Parity in Science
First International Day of Women and Girls in Science
11 February 2016, Conference Room 2, United Nations HQ

Program Agenda

**Opening Session: 10.00 – 11.30**

**Opening Remarks:**
HRH Princess Dr. Nisreen El-Hashemite, Executive Director, Royal Academy of Science International Trust, Founder of Women in Science International League
H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.
Hon. Dr. Helena Dalli, Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
H.E. Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women
Statement by H.E. Mr. Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus – Video Message
Girls in Science: 11-year-old Rebecca Jekogian
HE for SHE Pledge: HRH Prince Zein El-Hashemite
Statement by Director General of UNESCO
Statement by H.E. Mr. Luis Guillermo Solís, President of Costa Rica – Video Message
Youth Vision: Miss Begum Kogar
Dr. Ann Lee-Karlon, President, Association of Women in Science
Statement by H.E. Ms. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of the Republic of Malta
Letters of Congratulations from Elected Representatives in New York City and State – Read by Richard Jordan

11.30 – 11.40       **HEALTH BREAK**
11:40 – 13.00: High-Level Panel on Policy Imperatives for Women and Girls in Science

Moderator: Ms. Daniela Bas, Director of Division of Social Policy and Development – United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Ms. Kathryn Brown, President and CEO, Internet Society
Statement by H.E. Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, UNFPA
Hon. Mr. Michael Browne, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Antigua and Barbuda
Ms. Jacqueline McGlade, Chief Scientist, Director, Division of Early Warning and Assessment, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – Video Message
Hon. Mr. Samy Gemayel MP, Lebanon
H.E. Mr. M. Riadh Ben Sliman, Deputy Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations
Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, Director and Special Representative of the International Labour Organization Liaison Office to the UN
H.E. Mr. Riyad H. Mansour, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 18:00: Parity in Science for Sustainable Development

Chairs: HRH Princess Nisreen El-Hashemite, and Hon. Dr. Helena Dalli, Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta
Mr. Maher Nasser, Director of the Outreach Division in the United Nations Department of Public Information
Dr. Susan Finn - President of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
H.E. Mrs. Elisenda Vives Balmaña, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Andorra to the United Nations
Statement by H.E. Maja Makovec Brenčič Min. of Education, Science, & Sport, Slovenia (Video Message)
Professor William Best, Professor of Practice Electrical and Computer Engineering and co-Director of Lehigh’s innovative IDEAS, Lehigh University, USA
Dr. David Kenneth Waldman - Founder/President/CEO, To Love Children Educational Foundation International
Youth Remarks: Veronica McKinny, Sanjana Shree Chintalapudi, Elena Martin and Sonja Gorman, Lehigh University, USA

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Prof. Nilufer Narli, Chairperson of Sociology Department and the Director of Center for Society, Health Behaviour and Preventive Studies, Bahcesehir University, Turkey

Toshi Kato, Vice President, Chuo University, Japan - Video Message

Dr. Ifeyinwa Ofong, President of Women in Development and Environment Organization, Nigeria

Prof. Nimmi Ramamujam, Founder of Women’s Health Technologies Center, Duke University

Prof. Elizabeth P Henske, MD, Director, Center for LAM Research and Clinical Care, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston MA.

Ms. Gloria Blackwell, Vice President of Fellowships Grants & Global Programs, American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Kathleen O’Hara MA LPC Victim Service Specialist

Remarks by Mrs. Nayeema Khan and two students, Khan’s Tutorial

Mr. Katsuhiko Imada - Counselor, Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN

17.50 – 18.00 Closing Remarks by the Chairs