Italian G7 Presidency
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Starting from girls
Women’s Forum on inequality and sustainable growth
Rome, April 7-8, 2017
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

12:30-1:00pm  Participants’ registration

1:00-2:00pm  Lunch

2:00-2:15pm  Welcome
Mario Giro, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome
Benedetto Della Vedova, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

2:15-4:15pm  OPENING PLENARY SESSION – “INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES” ROOM
Chair
Emma Bonino, President, WE-Women Empower the World; President, European Council on Foreign Relations, Rome

Special address from Brussels
Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission, Brussels

Setting the stage
The fight for gender parity: progress and obstacles
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, Un Women, New York
Conversation on “Starting from girls: defining key priorities”

With
Beatrice Lorenzin, Minister of Health, Rome
Maria Patrizia Grieco, Chairman of the Board, Enel, Rome
Diego Piacentini, Government Commissioner for the Digital Agenda, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Rome
Marietje Schaake, Vice-Chair, Delegation for relations with the United States; Member, Committee on International Trade European Parliament, Brussels
Princess Sarah Zeid, Her Royal Highness of Jordan

moderated by
Monica Maggioni, Chairman, RAI, Rome

Discussion

Concluding remarks
Elisabetta Belloni, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

PRESENTATION OF THE FOUR THEMATIC GROUPS

Chairs
Marta Dassù, Chair, Aspen Initiative for Europe, Rome
Sandra Mori, President, Valore D, Milan

Working Group I – “ONOFRI” ROOM
Simona Scarpaleggia, CEO IKEA Switzerland and Co-Chair of the UN High-Level Panel on Women’s Economic Empowerment, Zurich

Working Group II – “GUillet” ROOM
Paola Subacchi, Research Director, International Economics, Chatham House, London

Working Group III – “NIGRA” ROOM
Laura Frigenti, Director, Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

Working Group IV – “TELeConferENCES” ROOM
Emma Bonino, President, WE-Women Empower the World; President, European Council on Foreign Relations, Rome
PARALLEL SESSIONS ON FOUR THEMATIC GROUPS

Participants are divided into four “off the record” Working Groups on specific issues, conducted in ENGLISH. The results of each working group will be presented during the final Plenary Session.

**Working Group I – “ONOFRI” ROOM**

*Investing in girls’ economic empowerment: closing the gender gap to foster growth*

- New technologies and the future of jobs
- Is digital education the key tool in empowering girls?
- Can we use fiscal incentives to close the gender pay gap in labor markets?
- A better work/life balance
- Smart working as a necessary tool
- The key role of financial literacy
- Comparing best practices in the G7 countries

Chair and kick-off speakers

*Sandra Mori,* President, Valore D, Milan

*Nuria Chinchilla,* Professor of Managing People in Organizations, ICWF International Center for Work and Family, IESE Business School - University of Navarra, Barcelona

*Simona Scarpaleggia,* CEO IKEA Switzerland and Co-Chair of the UN High-Level Panel on Women’s Economic Empowerment, Zurich

Rapporteur

*Marietje Schaake,* Vice-Chair, Delegation for relations with the United States; Member, Committee on International Trade European Parliament, Brussels

Discussion

**Working Group II – “GUILLET” ROOM**

*Social inequalities and the future of democracy*

- The middle class is losing ground. What are the consequences in terms of inequalities, in particular for women?
- What are the consequences of the rising levels of women’s unpaid care work?
- How to cope with an ageing population? Care roles and responsibilities of women.
- Gender pay and pension gap. Young women are currently trapped in low-paid jobs, are unemployed or rely on their partners’ contributions. Is this going to lead to pension poverty?
- The relevance of a better legal framework: norms, laws and gender parity
- Fighting violence against women in the G7 countries: starting from data and thinking ahead
Chair and kick-off speakers


**Maurizio Del Conte**, Associate Professor of Labor Law, Luigi Bocconi University, Milan

**Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir**, Chair of the Executive Board, WPL-Women Political Leaders Global Forum, Brussels

**Giovanna Melandri**, President, Human Foundation Giving and Innovating, Rome

**Linda Laura Sabbadini**, Social Statistician, Rome

**Manuela Tomei**, Director of the ILOs Conditions of Work and Employment Programme, Geneva (ALSO RAPPORTEUR)

Discussion

**Working Group III** – “NIGRA” ROOM

**Women, health and science**

- What are the key actions to grant equitable access to health for women and girls? Is gender budgeting a useful tool?
- Can our societies afford sustainable health?
- What interventions can best strengthen adolescents’ empowerment in health? The role of public and private sectors
- Early and late pregnancies: increasing women’s rights to ensure better reproductive outcomes
- Violence against women as public health problem
- What actions can promote the engagement of women in research and science?
- Science in the “post-truth” age: the responsibilities of the media

Chair and kick-off speakers

**Flavia Bustreo**, Deputy Director General, WHO - World Health Organization, Geneva

**Vinod Bhutani**, Professor of Pediatrics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

**Diana Bracco**, President and CEO, Bracco Group, Milan

**Simonetta Di Pippo**, Director, UNOOSA - United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, Vienna

**Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**, Chair, Institute of Human Virology, Baltimore, MD

**Alexander Zehnder**, Chairman and CEO, Sanofi, Milan

Rapporteur

**Elisa Scolaro**, Technical Officer, Office of the Assistant Director-General

Family, Women’s and Children’s Health, WHO - World Health Organization, Geneva

Discussion
**Working Group IV – “TELECONFERENCES” ROOM**

*Women and girls on the move: refugees, migration and integration*

- Is there a gender issue in migration flows?
- Illegal trafficking of human beings: how to protect girls and women
- Female refugees and asylum seekers: how to conceive a G7 deal
- Female migrants: a pathway to integration in G7 societies. Comparing best practices
- Looking to origin, transit and host countries: the need for a new compact for the wider Mediterranean and Africa

Chair and kick-off speakers

**Federico Soda**, Chief of Mission and Director of the IOM Coordinating Office for the Mediterranean, International Organization for Migration, Rome

**Chantal De Jonge Oudraat**, President, WIIS-Women in International Security, Washington, DC

**Marta Foresti**, Managing Director, ODI-Oversees Development Institute, London

**Lia Quartapelle Procopio**, Member of the Italian Parliament, Rome

Rapporteur

**Lauren Ravon**, Director of Policy & Campaigns, Oxfam Canada, Ottawa

Discussion

7:30pm

Cocktails and dinner *hosted by the Ambassador of France to Italy* at **Palazzo Farnese** (Piazza Farnese, 67)

Keynote speech

**Paolo Gentiloni**, President of the Council of Ministers, Rome

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**8:30 – 10:45** **FINAL PLENARY SESSION – “INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES” ROOM**

Opening remarks

**Vincenzo Amendola**, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

Chair

**Veronica De Romanis**, Stanford University, The Breyer Center for Overseas Studies in Florence; MBA Program, LUISS Guido Carli, Rome

*Betting on a new generation: the key role of education*

**Valeria Fedeli**, Minister of Education, Rome

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**WORKING GROUPS’ REPORTS**
Women empowerment and sustainable growth: the need for a new alliance

Chair
Linda Lanzillotta, Vice President, Italian Senate; Member of the Executive Board and Italian Ambassador of WIP”, Rome

Panelists
Gabriela Ramos, Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20, OECD - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris
Meg Jones, Chief of Economic Empowerment, UN Women, United Nations, New York, NY
Luisa Todini, Chairman, Poste Italiane; Chair of the Steering Committee, Project Grow-Generating Real Opportunities for Women, “Luiss Guido Carli University”, Rome

10:45-11:00am Coffee break

11:00am-12:00noon Girls, women and health: fighting the right battles

Chair
Maria Latella, Journalist, SKY, Milan

Panelists
Flavia Bustreo, Deputy Director General, WHO - World Health Organization, Geneva
Ilaria Capua, Director, One Health Center of Excellence, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Emerine Kabanshi, Minister of Community Development, Mother and Child Health, Zambia
Helle Thorning Schmidt, CEO, Save the Children, Fairfield, CT

12:00noon-1:00pm Stopping violence against women

Chair
Alessandra Galloni, Global News Editor, Reuters Group, London

Panelists
Maria Elena Boschi, Undersecretary of State, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Rome
Imen Ben Mohamed, Member, Assembly of the People’s Representatives; Fundamental Rights, Civil Liberties and Foreign Affairs Committee; Vice-Chair, Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs, Social Affairs and Education, Parliamentary Assembly - Union for The Mediterranean, Tunis
Diane Jacovella, Deputy Minister; G7 Foreign Affairs Sous-Sherpa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ottawa
Laurence Rossignol, Minister for Families, Children and Women’s Rights, Paris
Hanna Serwaah Tetteh, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Lawyer, “Osafo Buabeng & Co” Law Firm, Tema, Ghana

1:00–3:00 pm Closing Lunch