

WOMEN'S FORUM  
U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



# WOMEN'S FORUM USA 2023

*Time to connect*

29 March 2023

In partnership with



VITAL VOICES  
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP





# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



## THEME: TIME TO CONNECT

Since its inception in 2005, the Women's Forum has emerged as the leading international platform for transforming the power of women's voices and perspectives into forward-thinking economic and policy initiatives for societal change.

Gathering a community of 250 leaders from the economy and society, Women's Forum USA will promote the work of women who are driving sustainable progress. Participants will explore key topics to foster gender equality through the prism of the three pillars of **Health, Climate and Peace** to understand their interconnection.

Informed and enriched by an Advisory Board composed of high-level personalities from national and international institutions, the private sector, academia and experts, the Women's Forum USA will be held on **March 29, 2023**, in Washington D.C., at the Vital Voices headquarters.

In addition, our interactive discovery sessions will provide the opportunity for our audience to engage in smaller groups to create synergies and discuss a variety of topics at the intersection with gender issues.

In partnership with





# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



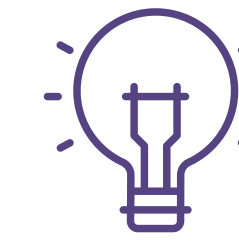
## INMAAT FORUM FOR LEADERSHIP

**08:15-08:50**

**Doors Open and Coffee**

**08:50-09:15**

**Introduction and welcome remarks**



Master of Ceremony: **Zinhle Essamuah**, Correspondent, NBC

- **Diane von Fürstenberg**, Founder and Chairwoman, DVF
- **Anne-Gabrielle Heilbronner**, President, Women's Forum for the Economy and Society
- **Alyse Nelson**, President & CEO, Vital Voices Global Partnership (*Rising Talent 2009*)

**09:15-10:00**

**Peace and conflict resolution - Women at the frontline**



Women play a unique role in conflict management and resolution, given they are the most impacted and vulnerable and simultaneously key actors of peace and resilience. They can be powerful drivers of the economy, supporting their families and society, vectors of solidarity in conflict times, frontline political leaders in peace negotiations and strong advocates for conflict resolution. Women act for Peace, let's hear their voices.



WOMEN'S FORUM  
FOR THE ECONOMY & SOCIETY

In partnership with





# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



## INMAAT FORUM FOR LEADERSHIP

Opening by:

- **Shafiqah Khpalwak**, Director of the Musawer Foundation
- Moderated by **Melanne Verveer**, Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, Georgetown University
- **Wai Wai Nu**, Founder and Executive Director, Women's Peace Network
- **Lilian Riziq**, President, South Sudan Women's Empowerment Network
- **Mu Sochua**, Board member of ASEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
- **Muqaddesa Yourish**, Visiting Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs

10:00-10:40

### Feminist Diplomacy - Women's approach to peace



In diplomacy and foreign policy, raising women's voices can make a difference. Feminist diplomacy is an approach to international relations, which promotes gender equality, women's leadership and advocates for women's fundamental rights. In today's fragile geopolitical context, how do we shift our approach in diplomacy to ensure peace and common security ?

- Moderated by **Michelle Bernard**, President & CEO, The Bernard Center for Women, Politics & Public Policy
- **Eric Holder Jr.**, 82nd United States Attorney General, Covington & Burling LLP
- **Mandana Dayani**, Creator and Co-founder, I am a voter

10:40-11:00

### Networking break





# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



## INMAAT FORUM FOR LEADERSHIP

**11:00-11:20**

### Combating the global scourge of human trafficking

Conflicts and wars add to women's vulnerability, exposing them to increased risks of violence. Globally 65% of human trafficking victims are women and girls, primarily for the purpose of sex and forced marriage. Combating human trafficking entails many challenges - from identifying and prosecuting traffickers- to providing the correct support to survivors. How can local and state- level solutions be effectively implemented to fight the global scourge of human trafficking?

- Moderated by **Saba Ghor**i, Vice President, Vital Voices Global Partnership
- **Cindy Dyer**, Ambassador at Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
- **Helen Gwanfogbe**, Program Coordinator, Nkumu Fed Fed

**11:20-11:50**

### Breaking the cycle of violence against women

Gender-based violence remains one of the greatest obstacles to women empowerment affecting one-third of women worldwide and with devastating consequences for its survivors. It exists in different forms and facets, from sexual and domestic violence to psychological violence. Is there a common root to gender-based violence and why is it still so prevalent in our society? What common actions can public institutions, organizations and NGOs take to fight it?

- Moderated by **Stephenie Foster**, Author, Entrepreneur, Activist
- **Marina Pisklakova-Parker**, Women's rights activist and Founder and Chair of the Board, Center for the Prevention of Violence
- **Alivelu Ramisetty**, Chief Gender Justice and Inclusion Officer, Oxfam US
- **Miriam E. Rocah**, District Attorney, Westchester County District Attorney's Office



WOMEN'S FORUM  
FOR THE ECONOMY & SOCIETY

In partnership with





# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



## INMAAT FORUM FOR LEADERSHIP

**11:50-12:25**

### It's time to connect: tackling health challenges for displaced people

Seldom accounted as a priority, migration and displacement due to conflict or other crises, is a significant risk factor for people's both physical and mental health. Conditions including pregnancy, trauma, or issues with menstrual health, make women more vulnerable and exposed to diseases or health problems during displacement. How to better understand the interconnection between displacement and access to health to implement effective solutions?

*Opening by:*

- **Rouba Mhaissen**, Economist, Activist and Development expert and Founder, Sawa for Development & Aid
- Moderated by **Franscesca Donner**, Journalist
- **Olya Kudinenko**, Founder & Chair of the Board, Kids of Ukraine/Tabletochki Charity Foundation
- **Yusra Mardini**, President, Yusra Mardini Foundation

**12:25-12:40**

### In conversation with **Vanessa Nakate**

- Moderated by **Zinhle Essamuah**, Correspondent, NBC
- **Vanessa Nakate**, Founder, Rise up Movement

**12:40-13:40**

### Networking lunch



# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023

13:40-14:20

## Discovery sessions



Participate in interactive and insightful sessions at the intersection with gender equality:

### WOMEN'S LADDER TO SUCCESS IN STEM



#### Sarah Blakely Center for Entrepreneurship

Women have the potential to change the face of STEM. However, they need to tackle different challenges in these male-dominated fields, including lower self-confidence and lack of role models and support networks. In this interactive workshop, learn how to create the right conditions in your company for women to succeed in STEM fields?

- **Lakshmi Akunuru**, Director, Head of GM Transversal Business Analysis, BNP Paribas
- **Gretchen May**, Global Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director, Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
- **Malena Rice**, Assistant Professor, Yale University (*Rising Talent 2023*)

### STARTING WITH THE WORKPLACE



#### InMaat Forum for Leadership

Women economic empowerment begins in the workplace. In a historic moment where workplaces are evolving at a rapid pace - a trend further reinforced by the pandemic - strong effort must be put in place not to strengthen existing gender inequalities and bias. What measures can be taken to eliminate both tangible and intangible obstacles for women and other underrepresented groups to thrive?

- Moderated by **Shelly Porges**, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Beyond the Billion
- **Michele C. Meyer-Shipp**, CEO, Dress for Success Worldwide
- **Anne-Marie Slaughter**, CEO, New America
- **Su-Lin Watson**, Managing Director, Standard Chartered Bank

### THE FUTURE OF FOOD - CAN WHAT WE EAT CHANGE THE WORLD?



#### Ambassador Melanne Verveer Executive Board Room

What we eat - and the way we produce it - is today responsible for almost 1/3 of global GHG emissions. While the agricultural sector is evolving to adapt to a changing climate, consumers are increasingly conscious of the environmental impact of their diets. Is the world ready to change its dietary habits to ensure a sustainable future? Can women lead the change?

- Moderated by **Nina Gardner**, Director, Strategy International
- **Brandi deCarli**, CEO & Co-Founder, Farm from a Box (*Rising Talent 2016*)
- **Dorte Verner**, Lead Agriculture Economist, The World Bank



WOMEN'S FORUM  
FOR THE ECONOMY & SOCIETY



# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



## INMAAT FORUM FOR LEADERSHIP

**14:25-14:50**

**In conversation with Diane von Fürstenberg**



- Moderated by **Alyse Nelson**, President & CEO, Vital Voices Global Partnership (*Rising Talent 2009*)
- **Kakenya Ntaiya**, Founder and President, Kakenya Center for Excellence
- **Marina Pisklakova-Parker**, Women's rights activist and Founder and Chair of the Board, Center for the Prevention of Violence
- **Diane von Fürstenberg**, Founder and Chairwoman, DVF

**14:50-15:35**

**Inclusive Health: adapting to a changing world**



The world and society are rapidly evolving and increasingly becoming conscious of women's specific health issues, including mental health, sexual and reproductive health. How can private companies, organizations and public institutions keep the pace and evolve to respond to the health needs of all, including minorities?

*Opening by:*

- **Angelina Spicer**, Comedian, Activist, The Postpartum Rebirth
- Moderated by **Olga Granaturova**, COO and CBO, Normunity
- **Catharine Bowman**, MS Student Researcher at Stanford University, (*Rising Talent 2020*)
- **Peggy Clark**, CEO & President, ICRW
- **Emma Codd**, Global Inclusion Leader, Deloitte
- **Emily Johnson**, Partner, Watchell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

In partnership with





# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



## INMAAT FORUM FOR LEADERSHIP

**15:35-16:10**

### It's time to connect: from individual to environmental health



As the effects of climate change become more tangible, not only the planet, but also the health and wellbeing of people - and in particular women - are at risk. Many issues - such as water, food, cities, health systems - lie at the intersection between health and climate, and tackling them with a gender lens is crucial. How do we nourish and recognize the connection between individual and environmental health for a more sustainable world?

- Moderated by **Gayle Tzemach Lemmon**, Best-Selling Author, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations
- **Deborah Birx**, Senior Fellow, George W. Bush Institute
- **Mekala Krishnan**, Partner, McKinsey Global Institute
- **Leah Lizarondo**, Founder, Food Rescue Hero
- **Alicia White**, Founder and Executive Director, Project Petals

**16:10-16:25**

Networking break 

**16:25-17:00**

### Women at the heart of climate action



The environmental crisis is driving significant changes in people's lives worldwide in an inequitable way. Women and girls are disproportionately impacted by climate change, due to pre-existing inequalities and greater vulnerability. Despite this, they are often absent from environmental decision-making bodies. How to take into account women's visions and perspectives in the transition to a more sustainable world?

In partnership with





# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



## INMAAT FORUM FOR LEADERSHIP

- Moderated by **Nina Gardner**, Director, Strategy International
- **Kate Guy**, Senior Advisor at the State Department on Climate
- **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, President, Association des Femmes Peuples et Peuples Autochtones du Chad (AFPAT)
- **Hilda Flavia Nakabuye**, Activist and Founder of Fridays for Future Uganda & Fellow, Girl Rising

**17:00-17:40**

### Beyond engagement - concrete objectives for sustainable corporate action

The current political and economic context is calling for an increased commitment of the private sector to accelerate its environmental and sustainable action. As we are facing the climate emergency, business as usual - in every sector - is constantly challenged, and companies are called to put their effort into becoming inclusive and environmentally exemplary. Let's listen and learn from inspiring women leading these strategies and promoting concrete environmental actions.

- **Claudia Berger**, Sustainability Director, EQUANS
- **Ruxandra Cama**, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
- **Bénédicte Constans**, Head of Communications and Public affairs, Zurich Insurance

**17:40-18:20**

### Reimagining Education for a more inclusive world

Education is an underlying issue to climate, health and peace action worldwide. While access to education remains a crucial tool to tackle global challenges, current educational systems are struggling to adapt to the rapid shifts the world is facing. How to reimagine the education system in a more inclusive way, with gender equality as an underlying principle?



# WOMEN'S FORUM U.S.A

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



## INMAAT FORUM FOR LEADERSHIP

DIANE VON  
FURSTENBERG  
SKYLounge

*Opening by:*

- **Anne-Gabrielle Heilbronner**, President, Women's Forum for the Economy & Society
- Moderated by **Kavitha Nair Bindra**, Education Executive and Board Leader, Yale
- **Shabana Basij-Rasikh** Afghan educator, humanitarian, and women's rights champion
- **Leticia Tituana**, Chemical Engineer, Activist & Fellow, Girl Rising
- **Ananya Tiwari**, Co-founder and Executive Director of SwaTaleem Foundation

**18:20-18:45**

### WomanLifeFreedom - Iran, what next?

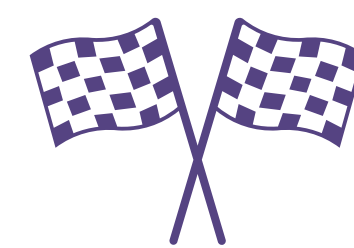


For over 6 months, since the murder of Mahsa Amini, the Iranian population has risen for freedom and women's rights like never before. Is this the next revolution? Where do we go from here and where will this lead?

- Moderated by **Kathryn Pilgrim**, Journalist
- **Nazanin Boniadi**, Activist and Actress

**18:45-18:50**

### Closing remarks



**19:00-20:00**

### Cocktail reception



In partnership with





**WOMEN'S FORUM  
U.S.A**

Washington D.C. | 29 March 2023



Questions?  
Consult our website

In partnership with

