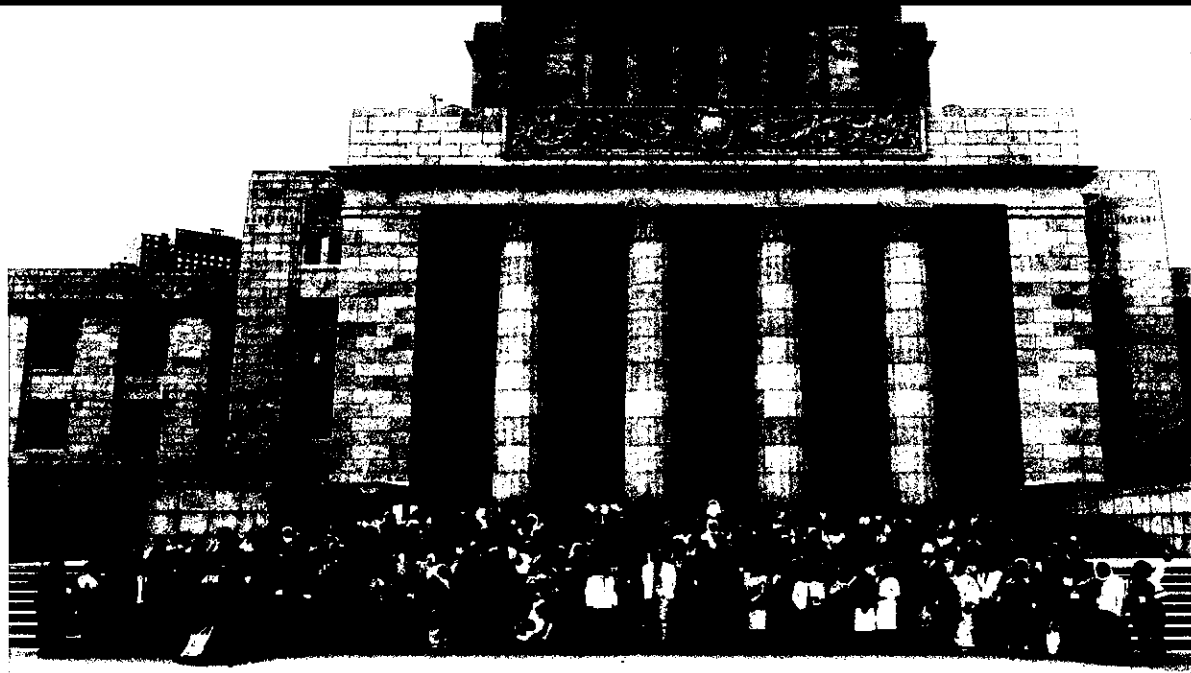




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## Onderdeel A Verslag externe activiteiten DNA

### Administratieve, technische en logistieke informatie

<b>Reden voor de missie</b>	Reguliere vergadering internationale organisatie
<b>Type Activiteit</b>	Anders nl.
<i>A.u.b. Kiezen wat van toepassing is</i>	Indien Anders, geef hier dan toelichting
<i>Indien anders, graag toelichting</i>	
<b>Naam van de Activiteit</b>	WPL summit 2019 "taking actions to advance society through SDGS"
<b>Organisatie</b>	Anders nl
<i>A.u.b. Aankruizen wat van toepassing is of invullen indien anders.</i>	Women Political Leaders (WPL)
<b>Lokatie (Land, Stad)</b>	Tokyo, Japan
<b>Periode van de activiteit</b> ( Het gaat hierbij om de conferentiedagen)	Van: 6/25/2019  Tot: 6/27/2019
<b>Hotel / Verblijf (Naam, Adres, Telefoonnummer, Email)</b>	Akasaka Excel Hotel Tokyu  Tel.+ 81-3-3580-2311  Email: akasaka-e.yo@tokyuhotels.co.jp
<b>Delegatie afvaardiging</b>	Delegatie Voorzitter:  SIMONS JENNIFER  Leden: MATHOERA KRISHNAKOEMARIE Nading Aida
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<b>Thema en onderwerp(en) die aan de orde komen</b>	<p>Thema/ Onderwerp 1. Vrouwen en de rol van Azië/ pacifische regio in de wereld.</p> <p>Thema/ Onderwerp 2. Het bevorderen van een samenleving met vrouwen als politieke leiders.</p> <p>Thema/ Onderwerp 3. Duurzame ontwikkeling in de wereld bevorderen.</p> <p>Thema/Onderwerp 4. Rol van parlementariërs in het bevorderen van diversiteit en inclusiviteit.</p> <p>Thema/Onderwerp 5. Het bevorderen van een samenleving van goede gezondheid en levensonderhoud door vrouwen.</p> <p>Thema/Onderwerp 6. Milieu en economie; het aanpakken van het probleem plastic.</p> <p>Thema/Onderwerp 7. Gezonde vrouwen en Economie.</p>
<b>Doel van de organisatie van de activiteit</b>	Het geven van voorlichting over belangrijke kwesties en het bediscussiëren op een forum van krachtige vrouwen die burgers vertegenwoordigen uit alle hoeken van de wereld. Ook wil de WPL Summit 2019 een belangrijke rol vervullen tijdens de discussies die plaats zullen vinden tijdens G20-top.
<b>Korte inhoud van de activiteit (bijlage mogelijk)</b>	De WPL Summit 2019 brengt vrouwelijke staatshoofden en regeringsleiders, ministers en parlementariërs over de hele wereld bijeen. Lettende op de G20-top vergadering die Japan organiseert op 28-29 juni, kan de WPL Summit een belangrijke impact hebben. Dit jaar zullen de discussies zich richten op de ondersteuning van de samenleving door middel van duurzame ontwikkelingsdoelen (SDG's).
<b>Standpunt DNA</b>	<p>Werken aan culturele randvoorwaarden mbt gender issue's.</p> <p>Quotumwet moet als back up zijn voor de terugval van vrouwen in de politiek.</p>



Onderdeel B Verslag externe activiteiten DNA

I. Administratieve, technische en logistieke informatie

<p><b>BIJLAGEN TOE TE VOEGEN VOOR VERTREK</b></p> <p><i>A.u.b. Aankruisen wat is toegevoegd</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programma</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website/ Weblink voor nadere informatie:</p> <p><a href="http://www.parlamericas.org/en/open-parliament/our-work-opn.aspx">http://www.parlamericas.org/en/open-parliament/our-work-opn.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Programma</b></p>	<p>Zie bijlage</p>
<p><b>BIJLAGEN TOE TE VOEGEN NA TERUGKEER</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eindverslag</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kopie Businesskaarten van gelegde contacten</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Persbericht</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foto's</p>
<p><b>Eindverslag</b></p>	<p>Zie bijlage</p>
<p><b>Overzicht van Activiteiten</b></p>	<p>1. Plenaire vergadering</p> <p>2. Simultane sessie's</p> <p>Zie programma voor verdere details (de sessie's die zijn gehighlight heeft de delegatie bijgewoond)</p>
<p><b>Algemene conclusies</b></p>	<p>1. De meeting was bijzonder groot met ongeveer 350 genodigden over de gehele wereld</p> <p>2. Belangrijke issues van de vrouwen zijn besproken</p>
<p><b>Aanbevelingen of bevindingen</b></p>	<p>1. De delegatieleiders hebben hun statement gepresenteerd</p> <p>2. De G20 leiders zijn opgeroepen</p> <p>3. Het verminderen van CO2 ivm gevolgen voor Suriname en de vrouwen over het algemeen</p>
<p><b>Kopieën Businesskaarten</b></p>	<p>Geen</p>



Persbericht

Tijdens de Women Political Leaders (WPL) Summit 2019 in Tokyo, Japan, heeft parlamentsvoorzitter drs. Jennifer Simons de vergadering toegesproken. De WPL-Summit 2019 met als thema: "Taking actions to advance society through SDG's", is gehouden van 25-27 juni 2019. Naast voorzitter Simons hebben de leden Krishnakoemarie Mathoera MPA en Aida Nading ook geparticipeerd aan deze bijeenkomst.

"Wij moeten ons ervan bewust zijn dat de huidige economische modellen alleen draaien om winstmaximalisatie en meedogenloze groei, wat een kernprobleem is. Hoewel de wetenschap de afgelopen 40 jaar rampspoed voor de hele mensheid heeft voorspeld, is het systeem niet in staat is geweest om adequaat te reageren op de waarschuwingen over koolstofemissies en klimaatrampen. Daarom zal ik de wereld blijven herinneren aan de IPU-bijeenkomst van 2013 in Quito, met als thema: "From unrelenting growth to purposeful development "Buen Vivir: new approaches, new solutions.

Hieronder de volledige statement:

"We have discussed how we can proceed most effectively to address the issues women still face, in a way that would bring women equality around the year 2030. We have discussed several strategies and given the parliaments an action plan. However we need to be aware of the fact that the current economic model is only about profit maximization and relentless growth and this is the core problem.

It is a system that has not been able to react adequately to the warnings about carbon emissions and climate catastrophe even though science has spelled disaster for all of humanity for the past 40 years. That's why I will keep reminding the world of the IPU meeting of 2013 in Quito, that had the theme:

**From unrelenting growth to purposeful development "Buen Vivir": new approaches, new solutions. This was in preparation for the current SDG's.**

What we have achieved for women up to this moment, is under threat of a climate crisis with all the disruptions it will bring, according to our best scientists and expert institutions.

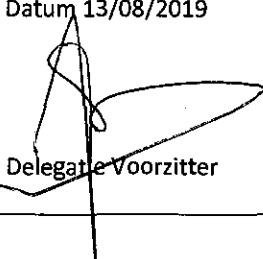
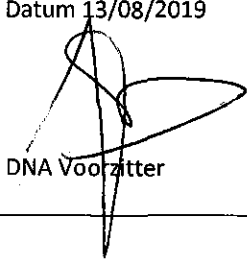

So we need to use our voices and whatever power we can muster in every situation and on every forum, to contribute to that enormous effort necessary to quickly add effectively address climate change. Specifically we should remind the countries of the xdg20 of the fact that they together produce about 75 - 80% of all global CO2 emissions.

They are in the unique position to take quick and effective action not by 2050 but by 2030. They can really make a difference! Everyone has a contribution, according to the Paris agreement, but averting the climate disaster we face, is at this moment really



	in the hands of the G20. We women leaders expect nothing less from them. Women leaders of the G20 use your power. Use the voice! Otherwise our daughters and granddaughters, who have already been born, will face serious suffering this century. Women leaders need to make the difference so that our world will not be a worse, but a better place than today.
Foto's	Geen

Voor gezien,

Datum 13/08/2019  Delegatie Voorzitter	Datum 13/08/2019  DNA Voorzitter	Datum 13/08/2019  Griffier van DNA
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## *Inleiding*

Women Political Leaders (WPL) is het wereldwijd netwerk van vrouwelijke politici. De missie van WPL is om zowel het aantal als de invloed van vrouwen in politieke leiderschapsposities te vergroten. Van 25 - 27 juni 2019 zijn vrouwelijke politieke leiders over de gehele wereld wederom bij elkaar gekomen, deze keer in Japan, om de problemen die vrouwen over het algemeen ondervinden te bespreken. Het thema van deze conferentie is "Taking actions to advance society through SDG's".

Er zijn gedurende 2 dagen belangrijke zaken besproken met de bedoeling de achterstanden waarmee vrouwen worden geconfronteerd te verminderen en de ongelijkheid te verkleinen. De economische voordelen zijn besproken van het toelaten van meer vrouwen in de besluitvorming en de labor market, met gelijke betaling. We hebben ons afgevraagd hoe we dat het beste zouden kunnen bereiken en de conclusie getrokken dat we veel harder moeten gaan trekken om werkelijke gelijkheid te realiseren, omdat met het huidige tempo het 200 jaar zal duren, voordat wij werkelijke gelijkheid zullen hebben tussen mannen en vrouwen. Maar het is belangrijk dat we bij al deze discussies het fundamenteel probleem onderkennen. De grondslag aan veel problemen die we hebben besproken en andere die hier niet ter sprake zijn geweest.

Tijdens de opening van de WPL-summit heeft de voorzitter van het Parlement van Japan, **dhr. Tadamori Oshima** benadrukt, dat het nu meer dan ooit te voren hard gewerkt moet worden om vrouwen te promoten en te beschermen binnen de politieke wereld. Deze discussie zal de komende dagen vruchten moeten afwerpen. Japan maakt zich ook schuldig aan meer vrouwen in de politiek. In de lower house van het parlement, zijn er maar 10% vrouwen en in de upper house maar 20 % en wat betreft het ministerschap is er maar 1 vrouwelijke minister. Nu wordt de participatie van vrouwen gepromoot in Japan en de bedoeling is om de percentages van topfuncties te verhogen. WPL-voorzitter, **mw. Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, benadrukt dat vrouwen en mannen samen moeten werken om de 17 SDG- doelen te bereiken. De uitkomst van deze summit zal worden gepresenteerd aan de G20 summit, die 27 juni 2019 in Japan zal worden gehouden, waar wereld regeringsleiders bij elkaar zullen komen. Vrouwen moeten machtige actoren worden om zo de SDG-doelen te bereiken. Het verbeteren van het onderwijsniveau van vrouwen is fundamenteel in deze tijd. Waarom zien vrouwen weinig progress in de bevordering van hun belangen, ondanks er wetten worden aangepast en aangenomen. Dit is een vraag die de samenleving bezighoudt. Er is niet echt een verandering te merken binnen de genderwereld voor vrouwen. Belangrijk is dat de politieke wereld over moet gaan tot actie.



## *Session 1: Women and the Role of Asia in the world*

Japan werkt aan verbetering van meer vrouwen in de politiek. Vrouwen verdienen ook beter onderwijs en gezondheid. Waarom wordt de women empowerment niet gepromoot in Azië en wat moeten ze doen om veranderingen te zien? In diverse Aziatische landen is de participatie van vrouwen van eminent belang. De educatie in Iran stijgt, maar wat betreft de economische ladder en de werkende klasse moet er nog hard gewerkt worden. Iran heeft 30% quota ingesteld voor high level government decision making. Het land streeft naar vrede en veiligheid binnen hun samenleving.

Ze noemt de sancties en handelstarieven als remmende factoren voor sustainable development. Niet alleen nationale vrede, maar ook internationaal. Oorlogssituaties ondermijnen de positie van vrouwen en gezinnen.

Vele vrouwen in Maleisië zijn gekwalificeerd om hoge functies te bekleden, maar zij worden niet in de gelegenheid gesteld. Er zijn nog steeds pijnpunten, die vrouwen tegenhouden om te groeien binnen elke samenleving. Vrouwen gaan over het algemeen nog steeds gebukt onder huiselijk geweld, leven onder de armoedegrens etc. De landen in Azië erkennen ongeveer de zelfde problemen te hebben als het gaat om gender gelijkheid. Deze landen hebben gemeenschappelijke issues, waarbij de regeringen bezig zijn veranderingen aan te brengen.

Vrouwelijke politieke leiders van Japan, Iran, Maleisië, Pakistan en Fiji delen allen hun ervaring hoe ze in hun land de top hebben bereikt wat meestal niet in dank is afgenomen. Het is nog lang niet wat het wezen moet, maar er wordt hard gewerkt om wetten aan te passen, nieuwe wetten te maken zodat vrouwen in dit werelddeel de SDG - goals van 2030 kunnen behalen. Deze landen zijn door de jaren heen steeds gedomineerd door mannen.

Veranderingen voor vrouwen binnen de wereld kunnen bereikt worden door:

1. Het instellen van quota zodat vrouwen meer kunnen participeren in politieke activiteiten
2. Netwerken en het delen van ideeën is van belang, waardoor landen in de wereld van elkaar kunnen leren.

## *Session 2: Advancing society with Women as Political Leaders*

Mannen hebben de macht om een land te beheren, maar de vrouw heeft de gastvrijheid. Deze twee persoonlijkheden gaan hand in hand en dat is de kracht van gendergelijkheid. Soms denken vrouwen dat ze in een competitie zijn met mannen om de top te bereiken, maar dat moet geenszins de bedoeling zijn. De wereld moet gaan begrijpen, dat de karaktereigenschappen van de man en vrouw verschillen, wat maakt dat ze bij elkaar horen. Politieke leiders horen niet tegen elkaar te vechten, dat is wat de strijd van gendergelijkheid moeilijk maakt. Het adopteren van wetten, die betrekking hebben op zowel vrouwen als kinderen zijn belangrijk in de wereld. Wat is het belangrijkste doel van vrouwen in de samenleving? Het is bewezen, dat vrouwen een breder inzicht hebben dan mannen. Vrouwen kunnen heel veel waarde toevoegen aan machtsposities. Vrouwen die veranderingen willen zien in de wereld, werken naar een bredere uitkomst van resultaten. De manier waarop vrouwen in deze wereld struggelen, maakt dat mannen een open deur vinden om hun top te bereiken. Dit betekent dat vrouwen over het algemeen altijd, op elk vlak, een achterstand hebben.

De veranderingen die wij politieke vrouwelijke leiders willen zien in de wereld, moeten beginnen bij de G20 summit van regeringsleiders. Het quotasysteem moet nu in alle landen geadopteerd worden. Zeker 50% van elke populatie in de diverse landen van de wereld bestaat uit vrouwen. Wat is dan het probleem dat vrouwen de top niet makkelijk kunnen bereiken? Vrouwen die gekozen zijn om zitting te nemen in het parlement, moeten gedragen worden door hun achterban. Hoe kan de stem van de vrouw relevant worden in de omgeving waar zij te werk wordt gesteld? Het is niet makkelijk voor vrouwen om de top te bereiken, maar we moeten elkaar over de gehele wereld ondersteunen en aanmoedigen om dit werk voort te zetten. Als je de situatie van een vrouw in een land wil veranderen, is de financiële behering van belang. Er moeten financiële middelen vrijgemaakt worden om de situatie van deze groep te veranderen. In Bermuda is het "Shevolution fund" opgezet. In vergelijking met mannen hebben vrouwen het echt op gelijke behandeling. We moeten nu beginnen om actie te ondernemen en niet langer wachten. Als we reeds begonnen zijn met het ondernemen van actie, zullen we kijken hoe we verder gaan vanuit dat oogpunt. Vooral vrouwelijke parlementariërs, moeten vrouwen over de gehele wereld vertegenwoordigen en niet alleen van hun land. We moeten nu meer dan ooit te voren de doelen van gendergelijkheid behalen. Verder moeten wij met elkaar samenwerken en vooruitgang boeken, zodat we gendergelijkheid kunnen ratificeren en echte democratie kunnen bereiken om te kunnen vechten tegen verschillende vormen van geweld tegen vrouwen. Vaak genoeg stelt men de vraag waarom moeten vrouwen participeren? De vraag moet niet langer meer zijn waarom, maar hoe kunnen vrouwen participeren en zodoende verandering brengen in het systeem? De politiek heeft serieuze vrouwelijke leiders nodig, die kunnen meehelpen om veranderingen in de wereld te brengen. Het vergt veel moed van vrouwen om hoge functies te bekleden en op te komen voor de belangen en rechten van andere vrouwen

die niet in staat zijn zichzelf te behelpen en geen stem hebben. Wij vrouwen die hier vertegenwoordigd zijn in de WPL - Summit, moeten onze krachten bundelen om veranderingen in de wereld teweeg te brengen.

Hoe kunnen vrouwen veranderingen brengen in de politieke wereld over de gehele wereld en wat zullen de beleidsveranderingen zijn die aan de orde moeten komen?

1. Het reduceren van het aantal kinderen om te komen in de gezondheidszorg naar 0
2. Het opzetten van een goede kinderopvanginstelling
3. Het bevorderen van immigratie in het land
4. Economische empowerment
5. Het instellen van het quotasysteem in alle landen
6. Het bevorderen van waarde en normen
7. Het linken van verkiezingsresultaten met beleid
8. Betrokkenheid van vrouwen bij wetgeving in elk land
9. Regeringen moeten vrouwen beschermen, die op basis van gender gediscrimineerd worden
10. Het elimineren van ongelijke salarissen, die aan vrouwen worden geboden ten opzichte van mannen.
11. "Word versus Actions" - Wat zijn wij vrouwen bereid te doen om de veranderingen in deze wereld te implementeren?"

## *Session 3: Advancing the world with Sustainable Development*

### *Goals*

De wereld moet een gebalanceerde economische groei kennen. Bepaalde wetten die betrekking hebben op vrouwen en gezinnen moeten gewijzigd worden, vanwege het feit dat vaders volgens de wet het laatste woord hebben. We hebben oplossingen nodig voor de sociale problemen van vrouwen. Als land moeten wij actie ondernemen om de doelen van de SDG vóór 2030 te behalen. Alle landen in de wereld moeten in het belang van de SDG samenwerken om zo de doelen te realiseren. Dan praten we niet alleen over parlementariërs en regeringsleiders, maar ook de private sector, grote investeerders, burgers, NGO's, andere belanghebbenden, diverse nationale en internationale organisaties etc. Vrouwen hebben diverse aspecten waarop zij hun doelen behalen en dat is de kracht van de vrouw. Er zijn 17 doelen en 169 targets, die gehaald moeten worden vóór 2030 en vrouwen kunnen hierin een belangrijke rol spelen. We moeten deze doelen herkennen en werken naar de implementatie ervan. Parlementariërs staan voor uitdagingen en kansen bij de uitvoering van de SDG's. De grootste uitdaging zijn de financiële middelen die ter beschikking gesteld moeten worden. Er moet in elk land gewerkt worden aan prioriteitsdoelen binnen de financiële wereld. In Zweden is er een commissie benoemd, die zich bezighoudt met gender gerelateerde aangelegenheden en

daardoor het budget hiervoor samenstelt. De sleutel tot een gezonde economie en het behalen van de SDG 2030 agenda is vrouwen over de gehele wereld toe te laten tot educatie. Vandaar uit moeten ze de kans krijgen om hoge politieke functies te bekleden en binnen de private sector de topfuncties. Ook de immigranten issue moet in elk land aan de orde komen, want het overgrootste deel van hen bestaat uit vrouwen en kinderen en zij kunnen ook een wezenlijke bijdrage leveren aan de economie van het land. De jonge vrouwen worden nu ook al bewust gemaakt om hoge politieke functies te bekleden. Het parlement heeft een cruciale rol bij de uitvoering van de SDG. Alhoewel de meeste landen in Azië de SDG - doelen proberen te bereiken, hebben ze allemaal ook te kampen met de verschijnselen van klimaatverandering en terrorisme. Wij moeten stoppen met onderzoeken, besprekingen houden etc. en overgaan tot het ondernemen van acties. Als wij stil zitten, zullen we de SDG agenda 2030 niet halen. Gebleken is dat zeker 1/3 deel van de wereld de wet Seksueel moleest op de werkvloer, nog niet heeft goedgekeurd. Een oproep aan alle parlementariërs om deze wet te behandelen en zo snel mogelijk goed te keuren.

Wat zijn de uitdagingen op diverse gebieden, financiële bijdrage en de succesvolle partnerschappen om vooruitgang te boeken voor de 2030 agenda:

1. Onderwijs voor eenieder op gelijk niveau (life long learning)
2. Positieve mindset (hoe kunnen we vrouwen promoten om actief te participeren in de politiek)
3. "Healthy women equals Healthy equality"
4. De implementatie van gender based budgets
5. Innovatie op financieel vlak (de armoedegrens verlagen en fondsen voor de huishouding verhogen)
6. 100% inzet voor duurzame energie
7. Het adopteren van wetten, die belangrijk zijn voor vrouwen en kinderen

## ***Tackling the issue of Marine Plastic***

Een ander dreigement in de wereld die nog geen bewustwording kent is plastic, die zorgt voor milieuvervuiling. Japan heeft het voortouw genomen om een technologische recycling beleid uit te voeren ten opzichte van de rest van de wereld. Tegelijkertijd wordt er ook gekeken naar alternatieven om plastic te vervangen door ander materiaal bijvoorbeeld papier. Vrouwen hebben een manier van creativiteit om nieuwe dingen uit te vinden. De visie van vrouwen voor het vervangen van plastic is breed. De hele wereld heeft last van plastic, dat voor milieuvervuiling zorgt. Het gebruik hiervan moet minder worden. Zelfs de vissen in de oceaan ondervinden last van deze vorm van milieuvervuiling, omdat zij het als voedsel zien en dit komt vervolgens in hun systeem terecht. Dit alles heeft effect op de gezondheid van de mens. Om vervuiling van de oceanen, zeeën en rivieren te voorkomen, moet de overheid een strategie voor het reduceren of een ander manier van recyclen vinden. Japan heeft een streven om in het jaar 2030 zeker het plastic hier op aarde te reduceren naar 25 %. Dit kan alleen gedaan worden door een bewustwordingscampagne te voeren en zo de bevolking met zich mee te krijgen. Hoewel het geen directe oplossing is, moeten regeringen het gebruik van plastic belastbaar maken. Palau is één van de kleine eilanden, die heel veel last ondervindt van deze vorm van milieuvervuiling. Het eerste levensonderhoud is vis, en dat krijgen ze vanuit de oceaan. Alhoewel zij geen plastic produceren zit het hele eiland vol plastic. Het spoelt zelf aan op de stranden. Volgend jaar wordt er een awareness oceaan conferentie gehouden op dit eiland en eenieder is opgeroepen om hieraan deel te nemen. Van de regeringsleiders, die deze week in de G20 summit bij elkaar komen, zal aandacht gevraagd worden. Vanuit de parlementaire bril moeten er wetten geconcipieerd worden en in behandeling genomen worden. In Engeland zijn er reeds maatregelen getroffen, omdat eenieder die naar de winkel gaat dient te betalen voor hun plastic zak. Malaysia zoekt nog naar alternatieve oplossingen, want zij kunnen de verwerking van al dat plastic niet aan. Mexico is al 3 jaren bezig met een bewustwordingsprogramma. Echter is gebleken dat het nog niet is doorgedrongen tot het volk. Verschillende landen hebben hun ervaring gedeeld over hoe zij met dit probleem omgaan. Dit probleem dient internationaal aangepakt te worden. We kunnen nu niet meer veranderen wat mis gaat in de wereld. Wat we wel kunnen doen is zoeken naar gerichte oplossingen voor deze problemen, omdat anders het nageslacht het gelach van onze fouten zal betalen.

## ***Q & A: Advancing Tomorrow's Leaders***

De SDG is bedoeld om de participatie van vrouwen over de gehele wereld te bevorderen. Wat kunnen parlementariërs doen om invulling te geven aan de SDG? Er zullen altijd uitdagingen zijn die doorgedrukt moeten worden.

### **Wat nemen wij als parlementariërs mee om te implementeren in ons land:**

1. Wetten die vrouwen discrimineren moeten worden aangepast
2. Meer participatie van vrouwen in leiderschapsposities, de regering en in het parlement bevorderen
3. Het implementeren van progressieve wetshervormingen. (50% van de wereldbevolking bestaat uit vrouwen, dat wil zeggen dat wij verantwoordelijk zijn voor het behalen van de doelen die gesteld zijn in de 2030 SDG-agenda)
4. Uitdagingsnormen en traditionele genderstereotypering (De wet op ouderschapsverlof is zeer belangrijk in het vormen van gezonde gezinnen)
5. Vrouwen moeten ondersteund en gedragen worden in de politieke wereld. (De politiek heeft vrouwen nodig, de wereld heeft "Shevolution" nodig om de doelen van de 2030 SDG-agenda te behalen)

## ***A conversation: Health and Women***

Wat kunnen we doen dat de gezondheidszorg meer gericht is op vrouwen? Om aan diverse activiteiten te participeren moeten vrouwen en meisjes gezond zijn. Een goed gezondheidssysteem draagt bij aan het welzijn van de samenleving. Parlementen over de gehele wereld hebben een cruciale rol te vervullen in deze. Vrouwen moeten geïnformeerd en aangemoedigd worden om te participeren in gezondheidsgerelateerde aangelegenheden. Hoe meer vrouwen en kinderen des te meer er nationale strategische prioriteiten gesteld moeten worden.

Drie manieren zijn opgesomd hoe deze aan te pakken:

1. De politieke leiders vragen om hun volledige ondersteuning toe te kennen aan vrouwen in gezondheidsnood
2. Verschillende vormen toepassen om acties te ondernemen, zodat alle vrouwen en kinderen gezondheidszorg genieten
3. Regeringsleiders aanmoedigen om te participeren in de gezondheidsconferentie van september dit jaar

Hoe kunnen beleidsmakers en parlementariërs hun macht gebruiken om verandering te brengen op diverse gebieden qua gezondheid?

1. Gezamenlijk de quotawet instellen en beginnen bij 30 % aan gendergelijkheid
2. Werken aan een outreach programma

3. Adviezen van burgers toetsen en overnemen
4. Diverse onderzoeken verrichten
5. Wetgeving vaststellen voor de ondersteuning op lang termijn
6. Een verandering brengen in de sociale omgeving van vrouwen en kinderen

## *Plenary Session 1: Addressing Climate Change and Establishing a*

### *Recycling Society*

De wereld moet verenigd zijn om een oplossing te vinden voor de klimaatverandering. We hebben nieuwe technologie en innovatie nodig om het milieuprobleem op te lossen. Een goede recycling gebaseerde samenleving is één van de oplossingen. Beleid moet worden geïmplementeerd en de biodiversiteit moet worden beschermd. We moeten toegeven dat klimaatverandering alle mensen treft. Waarom worden we geconfronteerd met deze crisis? We moeten meteen maatregelen treffen. Als we onze levensstijl veranderen, hoeven we misschien niet zoveel te doen. De politiek heeft de macht om te helpen veranderen en om het hoofd te bieden aan het probleem van de klimaatverandering waarmee we vandaag worden geconfronteerd. Hoe kunnen politici collectief werken en oplossingen implementeren? We hebben een wil nodig om onze gemeenschappelijke visie te veranderen en te delen. Verder moeten wij een internationale coördinatiecentrum implementeren en nog harder werken om dit klimaatprobleem op te lossen. We moeten belanghebbenden betrekken bij het bevorderen van het recycling beleid. Nu moeten wij onze economie volgens de klimaatverandering die plaatsvindt opbouwen. We moeten meer wetten maken, banen creëren voor vrouwen en jongeren. Ook hebben wij meer voorbeelden nodig bij het vinden van oplossingen en uitdagingen en hoe we dit kunnen oplossen. Er moet specifieke actie worden ondernomen voor recycling. Alle landen in de wereld moeten samenkomen om dit specifiek probleem op te lossen. Het is een internationale aangelegenheid en wij moeten samenwerken om de SDG-agenda voor 2030 te halen.

## *Statements by National Delegation Leaders*

**Delegatieleiders van diverse landen, die vertegenwoordigd waren bij de WPL-conferentie zijn in de gelegenheid gesteld om een verklaring te geven. Hieronder de verklaring van Voorzitter Simons namens Suriname.**

We have discussed how we can proceed most effectively to address the issues women still face, in a way that would bring women equality around the year 2030. We have discussed several strategies and given the parliaments an action plan. However we need to be aware of the fact that the current economic model is only about profit maximization and relentless growth and this is the core problem.

It is a system that has not been able to react adequately to the warnings about carbon emissions and climate catastrophe even though science has spelled disaster for all of humanity for the past 40 years. That's why I will keep reminding the world of the IPU meeting of 2013 in Quito, that had the theme:

**From unrelenting growth to purposeful development "Buen Vivir": new approaches, new solutions. This was in preparation for the current SDG's.**

What we have achieved for women up to this moment, is under threat of a climate crisis with all the disruptions it will bring, according to our best scientists and expert institutions.

So we need to use our voices and whatever power we can muster in every situation and on every forum, to contribute to that enormous effort necessary to quickly and effectively address climate change. Specifically we should remind the countries of the G20 of the fact that they together produce about 75 - 80% of all global CO2 emissions.

They are in the unique position to take quick and effective action not by 2050 but by 2030. They can really make a difference! Everyone has a contribution, according to the Paris agreement, but averting the climate disaster we face, is at this moment really in the hands of the G20. We women leaders expect nothing less from them. Women leaders of the G20 use your power. Use the voice! Otherwise our daughters and granddaughters, who have already been born, will face serious suffering this century. Women leaders need to make the difference so that our world will not be a worse, but a better place than today.



## WPL SUMMIT 2019 OUTCOME DECLARATION “TAKING ACTIONS TO ADVANCE SOCIETY THROUGH SDGs”

We, as women political leaders, participated in the WPL Summit 2019 on Taking Actions to Advance Society Through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held in Tokyo, Japan, from 25 to 27 June, co-hosted by Women Political Leaders and the House of Representatives of Japan.

The WPL Summit 2019 gathers more than 300 women political leaders from all parts of the world, committed to best and fast attaining the SDGs, and to take impactful action. This results in the following outcomes:

We celebrate the first WPL Summit to have been held in the Asia-Pacific region. Accounting for over 60% of the world's population and creating over 60% of global growth, Asia plays a key role in the world's political, economic and cultural development. Promoting women's rights and enhancing women's participation in public life contributes to advancement not only in the region, but across the world.

We recognise the importance of bringing more women's perspectives to all policies, including the construction of a disaster resistant society responding to the needs of the people, and promote equity between women and men in politics. We encourage women's participation on all political levels, including local assemblies, to reflect the diversity of public opinion. We support the UN Women Call to Action to Parliamentarians launched at the WPL Summit 2019 in Tokyo and welcome the global guidelines introduced there for progress in Parliaments to improve the lives of women, girls and all society around the world.

We applaud the G20 ambition to reduce the gap in labor force participation between men and women by 25 percent by 2025, bringing more than 100 million women into jobs. We concur that the economic participation of women is essential for development and growth around the world.

We recognise SDGs as the common roadmap. The WPL Summit 2019 is the first worldwide gathering of female politicians on SDGs. Achieving the SDGs will improve the quality of life of every individual, create happiness, and advancement throughout society. We assert that diversity and inclusiveness are important factors for success and growth, and richness in diversity of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, and other factors, is what enables a country to progress.

We recognize that environmental issues are closely interrelated, and support the G20 goal to find common ground to address climate change and achieve a sustainable society and economic growth. It is essential to aim at the creation of a circular economy from a broader perspective. In the spirit of *mottainai*, we promote building an international resource cycle and the transition to a society with low pollution and emissions. We encourage the implementation of the G20 decision on building an international framework on marine plastic litter.

We recognize that understanding women's specific health needs and comprehensively supporting women's health over their lifetime is crucial to ensure the well-being of both women as individuals, and society as a whole. We promote best practices in maternal and child health.

We, as women political leaders, will take action to promote women's empowerment and bring about a society where no one is left behind. We recognize that girls' education is fundamental. We will report the outcomes of this Summit to the participants of the G20 Summit to be held in Osaka, Japan, and recommend that concrete actions be taken, especially in supporting girls' education.



# PROGRAMME

## WPL SUMMIT 2019 “TAKING ACTIONS TO ADVANCE SOCIETY THROUGH SDGs”

### TUESDAY, 25 JUNE

#### 09:00-16:30 LEARNING JOURNEY

**Venue: National Diet of Japan**

Buses will collect participants from WPL Summit 2019 official hotels at 09:00 and drive them to the National Diet of Japan, where they will be offered a guided tour including the chambers where the House of Representatives hold its plenary sessions.

**Venue: Yokohama**

Buses will then collect participants from the National Diet of Japan and drive to Yokohama, Japan's second-largest city by population. After a guided tour of Sankeien traditional Japanese-style garden, including a light lunch, buses will return participants to the official hotels by 17:00 (subject to change).

#### 13:00-16:00 EARLY REGISTRATION

Registration and badge pick-up for participants will be available in the House of Representatives (Tameike-sanno entrance).

#### 18:00-20:00 WELCOME RECEPTION

**Venue: Kalun Club (Shuttle buses from Learning Journey and hotels)**

Hosted by the Japanese Delegation

Welcoming Remarks:

- Shinako Tsuchiya, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Chair of the Committee / Leader of the Delegation for the WPL Summit 2019 in Japan, Chairperson of the Special Committee on Consumer Affairs at the House of Representatives
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of Women Political Leaders (WPL)

## WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE

**Venue: First Members' Office Building, House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan**

Master of Ceremonies: Assita Kanko, Member of the European Parliament

For Plenary Sessions, interpretation available in **Japanese, English, French, Spanish**

08:00-09:00 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

**Venue: The House of Representatives (Tameike-sanno entrance)**

09:00-09:20 OPENING SESSION: TAKING ACTIONS TO ADVANCE SOCIETY THROUGH SDGs

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

Opening Remarks:

- Tadamori Oshima, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL
- Shinako Tsuchiya, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Leader of the Delegation for the WPL Summit 2019 in Japan, Chairperson of the Special Committee on Consumer Affairs at the House of Representatives
- Yoko Kamikawa, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, WPL Ambassador, Minister of Justice (2014-2015, 2017-2018)

09:20-09:30 KEYNOTE: TAKING ACTIONS TO ADVANCE SOCIETY THROUGH SDGs

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

- Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan (video)

09:30-10:30 PLENARY SESSION 1: WOMEN AND THE ROLE OF ASIA IN THE WORLD

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

The WPL Summit is convening in the Asia/Pacific region for the first time. Accounting for over 60% of the world's population and creating over 60% of global growth, Asia will play a key role in the world's economic, social, and cultural development. Asian states have produced many women leaders. However, challenges still remain on the path to equality between women and men. It is now essential to promote women's rights and enhance women's participation in public life in order for whole societies across the region to advance.

- Satsuki Katayama, Minister in charge of Women's Empowerment, Minister of State for Gender Equality of Japan, Member of the House of Councillors of Japan
- Masoumeh Ebtekar, Vice President of Iran for Women and Family Affairs
- Zuraida Kamaruddin, Member of Parliament and Minister of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia, WPL Ambassador
- Ayesha Raza Farooq, Member of the Senate of Pakistan, Chairperson Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges
- Mereseini Wakolo Rakuita Vuniwaqa, Member of Parliament, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation of Fiji

Moderated by: Lucy Craft, Reporter for CBS News

10:30-10:40 WPL AMBASSADORS FAMILY PHOTO  
**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

10:30-11:10 COFFEE BREAK  
**Venue: Large Conference Hall, B1F**  
Hosted by: the House of Representatives  
WPL SUMMIT PARTNERS COFFEE BREAK  
**Venue: Common Room 2, B4F**  
Hosted by: WPL and GRIPS

11:10-12:10 PLENARY SESSION 2: ADVANCING SOCIETY WITH WOMEN AS POLITICAL LEADERS  
**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**  
Good governance is directly linked with women in power. Societies and countries that benefit from good governance are fertile ground for getting more women in the highest positions of leadership. However, global data indicate that the world is far from benefiting from the potential of half its population: women. Less than 10 percent of Heads of State and Government and only around 24 percent of Parliamentarians are women. The OECD, the World Bank and others indicate that countries with more women in positions of political leadership invest more in health and education, and enjoy higher public trust in politicians. This suggests that all policy making can benefit from women's points of view. From education and social welfare to finance and defence to building a society resilient to disasters, how can women's perspectives be included in all policies?

- Fumiko Hayashi, Mayor of the City of Yokohama, Japan
- Jewel Howard Taylor, Vice President of Liberia, WPL Board Member
- Anna Rossomando, Vice President of the Senate of Italy
- Paula Cox, Premier of Bermuda (2010-2012)
- Marfa Loreto Carvajal Ambiado, First Vice President of the Chamber of Deputies of Chile
- Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Senior Advisor at UN Women, Chair of the WPL Board, Minister of Interior of Iceland (2013-2014)

Moderated by: Sayuri Daimon, Managing Editor of The Japan Times

12:20-14:00 LUNCH  
**Venue: Large Conference Hall, B1F**  
Hosted by: **The House of Representatives**

- Naomi Tokashiki, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, State Minister of the Environment (2017-2018), State Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (2015-2016)

WPL SUMMIT PARTNERS LUNCH  
**Venue: Common Room 2, B4F**  
Hosted by: WPL and GRIPS

## WPL AMBASSADORS LUNCH

**Venue: Special Room, 1F**

Hosted by: Yoko Kamikawa, WPL Ambassador in Japan

## 14:00-15:10 PLENARY SESSION 3: ADVANCING THE WORLD WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015, 193 countries unanimously agreed to adopt the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consisting of 17 interconnected ambitious goals and 169 closely linked targets. The SDGs address global challenges related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice. Among G20 countries, Japan is a leader in working side-by-side with local partners around the world to realise a society where no one is left behind. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development can only be achieved if it translates into the reality of people at a local level. The session will aim to discuss the key challenges and opportunities for Parliamentarians to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

- Yoko Kamikawa, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, WPL Ambassador, Minister of Justice (2014-2015, 2017-2018)
- Mabel Memory Chinomona, President of the Senate of Zimbabwe, Chairperson of the Women's Committee of the African Parliamentary Union (APU), WPL Ambassador
- Åsa Lindestam, First Deputy Speaker of the Riksdag of Sweden, WPL Ambassador
- Elizabeth Cabezas Guerrero, Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador
- Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, Member of Parliament of Indonesia, WPL **Board Member**
- Andre Musto, Regional Vice President - Asia Pacific at Merck Biopharma

Moderated by: Amanda Ellis, Executive Director, Hawaii & Asia-Pacific of ASU JA Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability

## 15:15-15:45 COFFEE BREAK

**Venue: Large Conference Hall, B1F**

Hosted by: The House of Representatives

## WPL SUMMIT PARTNERS COFFEE BREAK

**Venue: Common Room 2, B4F**

Hosted by: WPL and GRIPS

15:45-17:45 POLICY-FOCUS SESSIONS (PFS)  
8 simultaneous sessions

15:45-17:45 PFS 1.1 – ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN PROMOTING DIVERSITY  
AND INCLUSION

Hosted by: The House of Representatives

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

Interpretation available in Japanese, English, French, Spanish

Studies from the public and private sectors have found that diversity and inclusion are crucial drivers of innovation and a critical component for success and growth. Different perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds foster new ideas. Governments are meant to represent and protect the interests and rights of the multiple communities that compose their societies, recognising their inherent diversity and working towards policies that adapt to specific needs. The richness in diverse age groups, abilities, gender, ethnicity, and other factors, can make a country progress. Therefore, how can Parliamentarians ensure that policies are inclusive and promoting equity, so that all groups of the population are represented?

- Maki Ikeda, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan
- Kimie Hatano, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan
- Åslaug Sem-Jacobsen, Member of the Stortinget of Norway, WPL Ambassador
- Mamonaheng Mokitimi, President of the Senate of Lesotho
- Ināra Mūrniece, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Moderated by: Yumiko Murakami, Head of Tokyo Center, OECD

15:45-17:45 PFS 1.2 –SDG 3: WOMEN PROMOTING A SOCIETY OF GOOD HEALTH  
AND LONGEVITY

Hosted by: The House of Representatives

**Venue: International Conference Hall, 1F**

Interpretation available in Japanese, English, French, Spanish

The good health and longevity of women is a social characteristic of Japan. Women's average lifespan is about 87 years, which is the longest in the world, and average healthy life expectancy is rising. With Maternal and Child Health Handbooks, Japan has reached one of the highest standards of maternal and child health in the world. This session aims to share good practices to bring about societies of good health and longevity globally. It will explore what can be done to achieve SDG3: to "ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages".

- Noriko Furuya, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, State Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (2016-2017)
- Yuka Miyazawa, Member of the House of Councillors of Japan
- Gifty Twum Ampofo, Member of Parliament and Deputy Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection from Ghana, WPL Ambassador
- Suad Mohamed Al Lawati, Deputy Speaker of the State Council of Oman

Moderated by: Mariko Sato, Correspondent for NHK

15:45-17:45 **PFS 1.3 – SDG 14: ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY – TACKLING THE ISSUE OF MARINE PLASTIC**

Hosted by: The House of Representatives

**Venue: Conference Room 1, B1F**

**Interpretation available in Japanese, English**

According to the World Economic Forum, at the current rate, oceans will contain more plastic than fish by 2050 (by weight). To reduce the amount of plastic in the oceans, which has reached dangerous levels, both industrial and developing countries must cooperate globally, and people must also adapt their individual consumption behaviors. Participants will have the opportunity to develop and share ideas for effective solutions to address marine plastic.

- Toshiko Takeya, Member of the House of Councillors of Japan, Chairperson of the Committee on General Affairs of the House of Councillors (2017-2018), Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Finance (2014-2015)
- Kaori Takagi, Member of the House of Councillors of Japan
- Jerrilyn Uduch Sengebau Senior, Senator of Palau

Moderated by: Anna Kitanaka, Editor at Bloomberg

15:45-17:45 **PFS 1.4 – HEALTHY WOMEN, HEALTHY ECONOMIES**

Hosted by: Merck

**Venue: Conference Room 2, B1F**

**Interpretation available in Japanese, English, Spanish**

“Healthy Women, Healthy Economies” (HWHE) is an innovative public-private partnership initiated under the auspices of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Merck, and the U.S. and Philippine governments. This initiative is meant to advance women’s health and well-being as well as increase their economic participation. HWHE brings together evidence about women’s health and well-being and its impact on economic growth with best practices that governments, employers, and non-governmental organizations can follow. Integral to this effort is the WPL Policy Forum in which female political leaders share their experiences in advancing women’s labour force participation through better health. The session focuses on solutions to reduce barriers that prevent women from entering, rising, and thriving in the workforce. The objectives of this panel discussion are to (i) increase participants’ awareness of the relationship between women’s empowerment and health, especially economic empowerment, and (ii) discuss examples of policy initiatives that can be implemented at the country level.

- Naomi Koshi, Mayor of Otsu
- Paula Cox, Premier of Bermuda (2010-2012)
- Elba Lorena Torres Díaz, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico
- Ana Marie Pastor Julia, Third Deputy Speaker of the Bureau of the Congress of Deputies of Spain
- Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Dáil Éireann (Parliament) Ireland
- Andre Musto, Regional Vice President - Asia Pacific at Merck Biopharma

Moderated by: Ahinara Bascuñana López, WPL Communications Expert



15:45-17:45 **PFS 1.5 – SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: THE ROLES OF POLITICS AND BUSINESS**

Hosted by: MSD for Mothers

**Venue: Conference Room 3, B1F**

**Interpretation available in Japanese, English, French**

MSD for Mothers and Women Political Leaders (WPL) bring together political and business leaders to provide insights for the global policy agenda around Universal Health Coverage (UHC). As a cornerstone of the Sustainable Development Goals 3, achieving UHC will require meeting the unique health needs of women, including maternal health. In this policy-focus session, panelists and audience members will identify opportunities to create and sustain the right environment that leverages private sector capacity and expertise to increase access to maternal and reproductive health services. These inputs will formally feed into the global consultative process under the UHC2030 agenda.

- Dorthe Mikkelsen, President Asia Pacific at MSD
- Norwu Howard, Deputy Minister of Health for Administration of Liberia
- Rose Marie Jimenez Arenas, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, House of Representatives of the Philippines, WPL Ambassador
- Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, Member of the House of Representatives of Indonesia, WPL Ambassador
- Meher Afroze, Member of Parliament & Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Women & Children Affairs of the Parliament of Bangladesh

15:45-17:45 **PFS 1.6 – PUTTING POLICY TO WORK: PROMOTING WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY**

Hosted by: Millennium Challenge Corporation

**Venue: Conference Room 4, B1F**

**Interpretation available in Japanese, English, French**

Strengthening economic opportunities for women is fundamental to MCC achieving its mission to reduce poverty through economic growth. As part of its data-driven model, MCC consistently works with partner countries to unlock the economic potential of women and overcome financial, legal, and cultural barriers that prevent women from fully engaging in their countries' economies. Through its investments, MCC strengthens the U.S. government's ability to change the landscape of women's economic empowerment around the world. This will be an engaging session focused on how governments, donors, and the private sector can work to practically unlock the economic empowerment of women. MCC has worked with more than two dozen countries around the world – from Georgia to Morocco and beyond. Join this session to learn about MCC's investments along with our engagement with the U.S. Government's recently launched Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative.

- Makani Diaby, Senator of the Republic of Ivory Coast
- Asmaa Rhlalou, Member of the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Morocco
- Karen Sessions, Vice President, Congressional & Public Affairs at the Millennium Challenge Corporation of the United States of America

- Casey Dunning, Director- Results and Learning, Department of Policy and Evaluation, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Sara Reef, Team Lead, External Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation

**15:45-17:45 PFS 1.7 – EMPOWERING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Hosted by Development Bank of Japan

**Venue: Conference Room 5, B1F**

Interpretation available in Japanese, English

Fostering women entrepreneurship is one of the major social and economic agendas in many countries. Women entrepreneurs have been playing growing roles in economic development by creating jobs and boosting new markets; however, still they face more challenges than their male counterparts. The speakers will present recent trends of women entrepreneurship, current examples of actual female entrepreneurs, as well as information about various measures and policies. The session is expected to include extensive interaction with the floor, aiming for sharing of experiences and opinions among all participants in order to discuss how to achieve our common goals.

- Fumiyo Harada, Senior Advisor, Women Entrepreneurs Center, Development Bank of Japan
- Rika Yajima, Founder & CEO, aeru company
- Junko Kemi, Founder and Lead Designer, kay me Ltd.
- Mane Tandilyan, Member of Parliament of Armenia
- Alona Shkrum, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine

**15:45-17:45 PFS 1.8 – SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING: CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES (1st SESSION)**

Hosted by Facebook

**Venue: Conference Room 6, B1F**

Interpretation available in Japanese, English, French

This social media training session is catered for those who are just getting started or already regularly updating a social media page. The session includes the sharing of best practices on connecting with communities and will focus on the types of content that work well on social media as well as how to use to leverage tools like livestreaming to set your page up for success. It will also bring you through on how to think about measuring results on your page and address important issues of online safety as you conduct these engagements.

- Rebecca Oh, Politics & Government Outreach Associate Manager, Facebook
- Roy Tan, Politics & Government Outreach Manager, Asia-Pacific, Facebook

**18:30-20:00 CULTURAL DINNER**

**Venue: Meiji Kinenkan (Shuttle buses from the First Members' Office Building)**

Hosted by: Tadamori Oshima, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan

## THURSDAY, 27 JUNE

**Venue: First Members' Office Building**, House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan  
Master of Ceremonies: Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Senior Advisor for UN Women, Chair of the WPL Board, Minister of Interior of Iceland (2013-2014), Mayor of Reykjavik (2008-2010)  
For Plenary Sessions, interpretation available in **Japanese, English, French, Spanish**

### 08:30-08:45 VIDEO MESSAGES

#### **Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

- Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, President of Croatia
- Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania
- Hilda Heine, President of the Marshall Islands
- Pedro Sánchez, Prime Minister of Spain
- Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of Hong Kong
- Ángel Gurría, Secretary-General of the OECD

### 08:45-09:00 Q&A: ADVANCING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

#### **Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

- Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL

Master of Ceremonies: Amanda Ellis, Executive Director, Hawaii & Asia-Pacific of ASU JA Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability

### 09:00-09:30 A CONVERSATION: HEALTH AND WOMEN

#### **Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

Health is the foundation of social and economic strength. Understanding and addressing women's specific health needs and social conditions is crucial to ensure the wellbeing of both women and society as a whole. The WHO has found that inequality between women and men leads to health risks for women and girls. For example, women are burdened with an unequal share of unpaid work. They are not only working in their offices, the agricultural sector, schools, hospitals, businesses or elsewhere, but they are also the main unpaid workers at home. This double burden of work puts extra pressure on women's physical and mental health. Social practices that undermine women's ability to act independently for themselves impede their well-being and health. If countries want to have healthier societies and thriving economies, women leaders are part of the solution. They can tackle these challenges by conceiving and promoting more effective measures to ensure a healthy society.

- Emiko Takagai, State Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, Member of the House of Councillors of Japan
- Marcelia Corcoran Kennedy, Member of the Parliament of Ireland, Minister of State for Health Promotion (2016-2017)
- Dorthe Mikkelsen, President Asia Pacific at MSD

Moderated by: Katja Iversen, President and CEO of Women Deliver

- 09:30-09:40 **KEYNOTE: ADVANCING HEALTH FOR ALL**  
**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**
- Tedros Adhanom, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO)
- 09:40-10:40 **PLENARY SESSION 1: ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND ESTABLISHING A RECYCLING SOCIETY**  
**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**
- Climate change poses a threat to the safety, health and the lives of all. The depletion of natural resources is closely correlated to waste, air and marine pollution. Rather than coping with these problems separately, developing a recycling society can contribute to a sustainable society and growth. In the spirit of *mottainai* (a Japanese term conveying a sense of regret concerning waste), this session will explore ideas on how to build an international recycling system of resources and promote a transition to a society with low contamination and pollution by encouraging reduction and the appropriate treatment of waste.
- Naomi Tokashiki, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, State Minister of the Environment (2017-2018), State Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (2015-2016)
  - Paola Taverna, Vice President of the Senate of Italy
  - Tsitsi Gezi, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Zimbabwe
  - Verónica Delgado García, Member of the Senate of Mexico, WPL Ambassador
- Moderated by: Kana Nishizawa, Tokyo Bureau Chief, Bloomberg
- 10:40-11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**  
**Venue: Large Conference Hall, B1F**  
Hosted by: The House of Representatives  
**WPL SUMMIT PARTNERS COFFEE BREAK**  
**Venue: Common Room 2, B4F**  
Hosted by: WPL and GRIPS
- 11:10-11:25 **G20 & WOMENOMICS – SETTING THE SCENE**  
**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**
- Nadia Calviño, Minister of Economy and Business of Spain
  - Rebeca Grynspan, Ibero-American Secretary-General, Under Secretary General of the United Nations (2010-2014), Vice-President of Costa Rica (1994-1998)
- Moderated by: Rick Zednik, Managing Director at WPL
- 11:25-12:25 **PLENARY SESSION 2: G20 & WOMENOMICS – THE SMART CHOICE**  
**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**
- Women are less likely than men to join the labour market. Social stereotypes and preconceived expectations of the role of women affect their participation in the economy, the type of jobs they get, and their earnings. This represents an economic cost not only for women but for communities and countries. As Kristalina Georgieva, Interim President and CEO of the World Bank, said "the world is essentially leaving \$160 trillion on the table when we neglect inequality in earnings over the lifetime

between men and women". "Womenomics" is the term Japan adopted to refer to policies aimed at increasing women's participation in the labour market. At last year's G20 in Buenos Aires, the Leaders' Declaration confirmed again that equality between women and men is crucial for fair and sustainable economic growth. This session will aim to promote the importance of women's success for economic growth as a premise for further advancement at this year's G20.

- Tomoko Abe, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan
  - Mody Al Khalaf, Member of Parliament of Saudi Arabia
  - Canan Kalsin, Member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality of Opportunity for Women and Men
  - Liudmila Bokova, First Chairperson of the Federation Council Committee for Constitutional Legislation and State Building of Russia
  - Haruno Yoshida, W20 Co-chair of W20 in Japan
  - Amy Weaver, President, Legal & Corporate Affairs, for Salesforce
- Moderated by: Sarah Birke, Tokyo Bureau Chief, The Economist

**Master of Ceremonies:** Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Senior Advisor for UN Women, Chair of the WPL Board, Minister of Interior of Iceland (2013-2014), Mayor of Reykjavik (2008-2010)

12:25-13:00 FAMILY PHOTO

**Venue:** In front of Central Entrance of the National Diet of Japan  
(Multipurpose Hall, in case of rain)

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

**Venue:** Large Conference Hall, B1F

Hosted by: The House of Representatives

**WPL SUMMIT PARTNERS LUNCH**

**Venue:** Common Room 2, B4F

Hosted by: WPL and GRIPS

14:00-15:30 POLICY-FOCUS SESSIONS (PFS)

7 simultaneous sessions

14:00-15:30 PFS 2.1 – CAN SPORTS LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS?

Hosted by: The House of Representatives

**Venue:** Multipurpose Hall, 1F

Interpretation available in Japanese, English, French, Spanish

Sports are a critical tool for the fulfillment of various SDGs, such as SDG3, "Good health and well-being", or SDG4, "Quality education." Japan will host the 2019 Rugby World Cup and 2020 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, and is making active efforts to achieve the SDGs concerning sports. How can sports contribute to the international community as a bridge between people and countries?

- Natsue Mori, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan

- Junko Mihara, Member of the House of Councillors of Japan, Chairperson, Committee on Health, Welfare and Labour of the House of Councillors (2016)
  - Marisol Casado, President of the International Triathlon Union and Member of the International Olympic Committee
  - Viktorija Čniulytė-Nielsen Member of the Seimas (Parliament) of Lithuania
  - Nancy Kemp-Arendt, Member of Parliament of Luxembourg
- Moderated by: Alastair Gale, Japan Editor for The Wall Street Journal

**14:00-15:30 PFS 2.2 – THE FEMALE POLITICAL CAREER: BUMPS, BARRIERS AND BRIDGES**

Hosted by: The House of Representatives

**Venue: International Conference Hall, 1F**

**Interpretation available in Japanese, English, French, Spanish**

Twice as many women now sit in national parliaments as did 20 years ago. Yet women are still outnumbered by men in those chambers by 3 to 1 on average around the world. What are the non-legal barriers – cultural, economic and other – that women still face in pursuing a career in politics?

- Yasuko Komiyama, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the House of Representatives (2012)
- Tomoko Tamura, Member of the House of Councillors of Japan
- Mariam Jack-Denton, Speaker of the National Assembly of Gambia
- Annita Demetriou, Member of Parliament of Cyprus

Moderated by: Giovana Manfrin, Harvard Kennedy School of Government Fellow, Women and Public Policy Program

**14:00-15:30 PFS 2.3 – SOCIETY 5.0 BRINGING ABOUT A SOCIETY OF ABUNDANCE**

Hosted by: The House of Representatives

**Venue: Conference Room 1, B1F**

**Interpretation available in Japanese, English**

Society developed in stages: hunting (1.0), agriculture (2.0), industrial (3.0) and information (4.0). Contemporary society will be further enriched by entering the new stage of Society 5.0. This will occur by fusing physical and cyber space at a high level, and balancing economic growth with solutions for the associated social issues (rising energy and food demands, aging society, intensifying international competition, inequality) by using big data and sophisticated analysis with Artificial Intelligence (AI). This session will focus on concrete examples of and issues with Society 5.0.

- Wakako Yata, Member of the House of Councillors of Japan
- Akiko Yamanaka, Senior Diplomatic Fellow, Central Asia Forum, Cambridge University; President of International Tsunami Disaster Prevention Society; Member of the House of Representatives of Japan (1996-2000, 2005-2009)
- Karen Sessions, Vice President, Congressional and Public Affairs, at the Millennium Challenge Corporation of the United States of America
- Maris Lauri, Member of Parliament of Estonia

Moderated by: Atsushi Sunami, Executive Advisor to the President of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

14:00-15:30 PFS 2.4 – MEASURING THE G20'S PROGRESS ON W20  
RECOMMENDATIONS

Hosted by: W20

**Venue: Conference Room 2, B1F**

**Interpretation available in Japanese, English**

“Governance” has been one of the key focus areas of W20 in 2019. In addition to monitoring the progress of the 2014 Brisbane commitment to reduce the gender gap in labour force participation by 25 percent by 2025, establishing effective and transparent governance and accountability mechanisms for gender equality should be the urgent agenda for G20 leaders and is one of the W20 recommendations to G20 leaders. Dr. Mari Miura, committee member of W20 Japan Steering Committee, will facilitate the discussion how each country, supported by international organizations, can develop gender segregated data to be monitored, and which KPIs should be developed and monitored. Guest speakers will provide some best practices of national action plans to nurture the discussion by policy makers from various countries.

- Mari Miura, Professor of Political Science at Sophia University, W20 Japan Committee Member
  - Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008), UNDP Administrator (2009-2017), Patron of The Helen Clark Foundation, WPL Board Member
  - Yoriko Meguro, Professor Emeritus, Sophia University / Co-Chair of W20 Japan Steering Committee
  - Asako Osaki, Visiting Professor, Kansei Gakuin University / Director, Gender Action Platform (GAP) / Member of W20 Japan Steering Committee
  - Kouji Tabira, Director, Gender Policy Bureau, Cabinet Office of the Japanese Government
  - Midori Matsushima, Member of the House of Representatives, Japan
  - Pauline Latham, OBE MP, Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom
- Moderated by: Asako Osaki, Director Gender Action Platform/ W20 Japan Committee Member

14:00-15:30 PFS 2.5 – DATA BEYOND BORDERS

Hosted by: Salesforce

**Venue: Conference Room 4, B1F**

**Interpretation available in Japanese, English**

Global data flows contribute to a rise in GDP in the global economy. McKinsey estimates that global data flows account for 3 percent of global GDP output, or USD2.3 trillion. The Brookings Institution estimates that unobstructed digital trade raises the GDP by 3.4 to 4.8 percent, contributing to the creation of 2.4 million new jobs. Despite this some governments use privacy or security disguised as market barriers or protectionist policies, to impede cross border data flows. At the 2019 World Economic Forum at Davos, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe proposed the creation of a framework for cross-border data sharing, based on freedom and trust, to achieve sustained development in the global economy. This session will deep dive into this issue and explore how countries could commit to cross border data flows responsibly and securely. The session will also reveal a new report ranking G20 economies in their

openness towards cross border data flows, and provides recommendations to strengthen its mechanisms.

- Amy Weaver, President, Legal & Corporate Affairs, for Salesforce
- Silvia-Monica Dinică Senator, Secretary of the Standing Bureau of the Senate of Romania
- Dwie Aroem Hadiatie, Member of the House of Representatives of Indonesia
- Indira de Jesús Rosales San Román, Member of the Senate of Mexico

**14:00-15:30 PFS 2.6 – PREGNANCY, PARENTING & OLD AGE: PROPER CARE AT EACH STAGE OF LIFE**

Hosted by: UCB Japan

**Venue: Conference Room 5, B1F**

Interpretation available in Japanese, English

Women's perspectives should be implemented more into healthcare policies. Two major topics that will be discussed at this session are:

1. The current status of medical care in Japan for pregnant and child-bearing generations.
2. How do we strengthen the ability to lead healthy, active lives in the later stages of a woman's life.

- Naomi Tokashiki, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, State Minister of the Environment (2017-2018), State Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare (2015-2016)
- Kanako Kikuchi, President, UCB Japan
- Hidenori Arai, President, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Japan
- Atsuko Murashima, Head of the National Center for Child Health and Development, Head of the Department of Maternal Medicine, Japan Drug Information Institute in Pregnancy

Moderated by: Ichiro Umeda, Chairman, General Incorporated Association Institute for New Era Strategy (INES)

**14:00-15:30 PFS 2.7 – SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING: CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES (2nd SESSION)**

Hosted by Facebook

**Venue: Conference Room 6, B1F**

Interpretation available in Japanese, English, Spanish

This social media training session is catered for those who are just getting started or already regularly updating a social media page. The session includes the sharing of best practices on connecting with communities and will focus on the types of content that work well on social media as well as how to use to leverage tools like livestreaming to set your page up for success. It will also bring you through on how to think about measuring results on your page and address important issues of online safety as you conduct these engagements.

- Rebecca Oh, Politics & Government Outreach Associate Manager, Facebook
- Roy Tan, Politics & Government Outreach Manager, Asia-Pacific, Facebook



Master of Ceremonies: Amanda Ellis, Executive Director, Hawaii & Asia-Pacific of ASU JA Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability

**15:30-15:40 NEXT GENERATION LEADERS, CALL TO ACTION**

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

The #Girl2Leader initiative launched by Women Political Leaders (WPL) aims to socially empower girls around the world. The case for more women in positions of politics and leadership needs to be more loudly heard. Today's political leaders are almost all men: 94.4% of Heads of State and 92.7% of Heads of Government! It's time for change. It's time for girls and women to lead the world with brains and hearts. For change to happen, we need to connect today's leaders to the next generation of leaders. This session aims to bring #Girl2Leader Ambassadors together to share their experiences and inspiration of guiding the next generation of leaders and highlights the importance of the #Girl2Leader initiative.

- Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, Member of Parliament of Indonesia, WPL Board Member
- Zuraida Kamaruddin, Member of Parliament and Minister of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia, WPL Ambassador
- Fatou Harerimana, Vice-President of the Senate of Rwanda
- Florence Mwikali Mutua Member of the National Assembly of Kenya, WPL Ambassador

Moderated by: Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL

**15:40-16:00 WALK THE TALK**

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

Two Prime Ministers, two global leaders, a woman and a man who walk the talk. From New Zealand to Portugal to the United Nations and the European Commission to the non-for profit to the corporate sectors, in every step, words turned into actions. This conversation will offer an opportunity to discuss two extraordinary journeys that pave the path to progress.

- José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (2004-2014), Chairman of Goldman Sachs International, WPL Advisory Board Member
- Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008), UNDP Administrator (2009-2017), Patron of The Helen Clark Foundation, WPL Board Member

Moderated by: Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL

**16:00-16:10 CLOSING REMARKS & WPL SUMMIT 2019 DECLARATION**

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

Following two days of discussion and debate, WPL Summit 2019 participants express their consensus view of the big issues that they have addressed collectively. These women political leaders hereby share their joint declaration to the global community, including the leaders convening the next day for the start of the G20 Summit.

- Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Senior Advisor for UN Women, Chair of the WPL Board, Minister of Interior of Iceland (2013-2014), Mayor of Reykjavik (2008-2010)
- Shinako Tsuchiya, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Leader of the Delegation for the WPL Summit 2019 in Japan

- Yoko Kamikawa, Member of the House of Representatives, **Minister of Justice (2014-2015, 2017-2018)** of Japan, WPL Ambassador

16:10-18:40 **STATEMENTS BY NATIONAL DELEGATION LEADERS**

**Venue: Multipurpose Hall, 1F**

Moderated by:

- Yuko Obuchi, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (2014)
- Seiko Noda, Chairperson of the Committee on Budget of HR, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications (2017-2018), Minister in charge of Women's Empowerment (2017-2018)
- Shinako Tsuchiya, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Chair of the Committee, Leader of the Delegation for the WPL Summit 2019 in Japan, Chairperson of the Special Committee on Consumer Affairs of the House of Representatives
- Midori Ishii, Chairperson of the Committee on Audit of House of Councillors
- Midori Matsushima, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Minister of Justice (2014)

18:00-18:30 **PRESS CONFERENCE**

(Accredited press only)

**Venue: International Conference Hall, 1F**

Interpretation available in Japanese, English, French and Spanish

- Shinako Tsuchiya, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Chair of the Committee / Leader of the Delegation for the WPL Summit 2019 in Japan, Chairperson of the Special Committee on Consumer Affairs at the House of Representatives
- Yoko Kamikawa, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, WPL Ambassador, Minister of Justice (2014-2015, 2017-2018)
- Helen Clark, WPL Board, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008), Administrator of UNDP (2009-2017)
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL