

International Conference

Women in Diplomacy
Building a Network for a Better World

Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs (*Piazzale della Farnesina, 1*)
Rome, July 15 – 16, 2012

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, JULY 15

7:30pm Welcoming reception at Villa Madama (*Via di Villa Madama*)

Keynote Speech by
Beppe Severgnini: "*Italians: Women in the world*"

Brief Comments by:
Maria Latella, Director, A Magazine, Milan

MONDAY, JULY 16 SALA DELLE CONFERENZE INTERNAZIONALI (*Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs*)

8.45am - 9.15am Registration of participants and welcoming coffee

9.30am - 9.45am **Welcome address**
Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Video Address: Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State, USA

9.45am – 10.45am **OPENING SESSION**
Women in International Careers: Where Do We Stand?

Chair

Marta Dassù, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Italy

Video-interview with

Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director, UN Women, United Nations

Speakers

Lucia Annunziata, Director, Huffington Post Italy, Rome

Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Minister for Women's Rights, France

Elsa Fornero, Minister for Labour and Equal Opportunities, Italy (from Beijing)

Discussion from the Floor

10:45am - 12:00pm **PANEL I**
Gender and Merit: breaking the glass ceiling

Chair

Josette Sheeran, Vice-President, World Economic Forum, Switzerland

Speakers

Emma Bonino, Vice-President, Senate, Italy

Sihem Badi, Minister for Women and Family Affairs, Tunisia

Francesco Profumo, Minister for Education, University and Research, Italy

Souad Bendjaballah, Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research, Algeria

Irene Tinagli, Assistant Professor of Management, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid

Discussion from the Floor

12.00pm – 1.30pm

PANEL II

Democracy as a challenge: Women in regimes' change

Chair

Monica Maggioni, International Affairs editorialist, RAI, Italy

Speakers

Patricia Espinosa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

Majlinda Bregu, Minister for European Integration, Albania

Elisabeth Linder, Facebook's Politics & Government Specialist for the Europe, Middle East & Africa Region, UK

Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs, EEAS, European Union

Discussion from the Floor

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Buffet Lunch

2.30pm - 4.00pm

PANEL III

Womenomics : Why growth and innovation need women

Chair

Sarah Varetto, Director, TG Sky 24, Italy

Speakers

Enrico Giovannini, President, Italian Statistics Institute (ISTAT), Italy

Vesna Pusic, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatia

Shuli Hu, Editor in chief, Caixin Media, China

Joyce Victoria Bigio, Member, Board of Directors, FIAT, Italy

Discussion from the floor

4.00pm - 5.00pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Feeding the planet. Looking to the Italian Expò 2015

Chair

Giancarlo Aragona, President, ISPI, Italy

Speaker

Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, World Food Program, Rome

Comments

Staffan De Mistura, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Italy

Elisabetta Belloni, Director General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Presentation of the Italian Expo

Diana Bracco, President, EXPO 2015 Foundation, Italy

Giuseppe Sala, Executive Director, EXPO 2015, Italy

5.00pm - 5.10pm

Women and Diplomacy: The Follow-up

Presentation by

Franco Frattini, President, SIOI, Italy

5.15pm - 6.00 pm

CLOSING SESSION

Women in the Future of Europe. The socio-economic dimension

Speakers

Sylvie Goulard, Member, European Parliament and Winner of the WID Award

Oksana Antonenko, Senior Political Advisor, EBRD, UK

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Mario Monti, Prime Minister, Italy