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Celebrating International Women’s Day

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SUMMIT AGENDA

WELCOME
8:30 AM—9:00 AM
Ana C. Rold  Erika Veberyte
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KEYNOTE REMARKS
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2015
9:00 AM—9:30 AM
Fumbi Chima, Chief Information Officer Asia, Wal-Mart
Introduced by Andrew Gelfuso, Vice President, Trade Center Management Associates
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

PRESENTATION
THE STATE OF WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD
9:30 AM—10:00 AM
Jon Clifton, Managing Director, Gallup World Poll, Gallup

BREAK
10:00 AM—10:15 AM

PANEL
WOMEN’S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
10:15 AM—11:00 AM
Dr. Joyce Banda, President of Malawi (2012-2014)
Dr. Jorida Tabaku, Member of Parliament, Republic of Albania
Wafa Bani Mustafa, Member of the House of Representatives, Jordan
Moderator: Anita McBride, Council Member, Women’s Democracy Network

BREAK
11:00 AM—11:15 AM

PANEL
WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
11:15 AM—12:00 PM
Ambassador Amina Ali, Ambassador of the African Union
Erdenechimeg Luvsan, Member of Parliament, Mongolia
Selima Ahmad, Founder, Bangladesh Women’s Chamber of Commerce
Moderator: Paula Dobriansky, Council Member, Women’s Democracy Network

BREAK
12:00 PM—12:30 PM
(Silent Auction ends after lunch)

AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM
PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL JEANE J. KIRKKPATRICK AWARD
12:30 PM—2:00 PM
Tarja Halonen, President of Finland (2000-2012)
Oyun Sanjaasuren, Member of Parliament, Minister of Environment (2012-2014), Mongolia
(See Lunch Program for the full Agenda)
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This March 4, 2015, Diplomatic Courier and Women’s Democracy Network celebrate International Women’s Day and Women’s History Month with a delegation of women leaders from around the world. These leaders have demonstrated their commitment to increasing women’s political representation in decision making and promoting democratic governance in their communities and countries.

Diplomatic Courier’s focus for March 2015 is the Post-UN Millennium Development Goals agenda, with a particular spotlight on women’s political and economic empowerment and how the latter should become one of the Sustainable Development Goals informing the development agenda for the next decade.

Women’s Democracy Network’s focus for March 2015 is honoring women’s caucus members from around the globe who are making a difference in their countries by advocating for the development of legislation that considers the unique perspective of women and girls.

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