

MEDIA ADVISORY

WOMEN DELIVER 2016 CONFERENCE

OVERVIEW: The Women Deliver 2016 Conference, taking place in Copenhagen this May, will be the largest meeting of girls' and women's advocates in a decade, with more than 5,000+ global leaders, policymakers, advocates and youth from 150 countries in attendance. It will also be the biggest opportunity in years to spotlight and explore solutions that support girls' and women's health, rights and well-being.

Reporters can register to attend the event in person via the <u>Women Deliver 2016 Conference</u> <u>registration</u> (registration and accreditation fees will be waived for eligible journalists).

For reporters that aren't able to travel to Copenhagen, can register to virtually attend *Women Deliver Live* – which will include a full schedule of independently produced and packaged content – here.

WHEN: 16 – 19 May 2016

WHERE: Bella Center, Copenhagen, Denmark

WHO: Speakers will include the world's leading voices from the fields of family planning, maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, economics, development, youth, advocacy and faith, including:

- Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Prime Minister of Denmark
- Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark, High-Level Task Force for the International Conference on Population and Development
- Jim Yong Kim, President, the World Bank Group
- Melinda Gates, Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Amina J. Mohammed, Minister of the Environment, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Gro Harlem Brundtland, Former Prime Minister of Norway
- Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland
- Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Laureate; Founder & Chairwoman, Women Journalists Without Chains
- Yvonne Chaka Chaka, Performing Artist; Founder, Princess of Africa Foundation; Goodwill Ambassador, UNICEF & Roll-Back Malaria
- And multiple heads of UN Agencies, including UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women and WHO

WHAT: At the **Women Deliver 2016 Conference**, more than 200 plenaries, concurrent sessions and side events will focus on solutions and *how* we can achieve the biggest impact for girls and women by emphasizing health, rights, gender equality, education and economic empowerment. The full plenary schedule can be found here. Highlights from each day include:

- Monday, 16 May
 - o Opening Ceremony & Plenary (afternoon): Global leaders will open the Conference and

address attendees, with opening words from Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark and Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen of Denmark.

Tuesday, 17 May

- A Girls' and Women's Lens on the SDGs (morning): Heads of UN agencies and Ministers
 of Health and Finance from around the world will discuss the important links between
 girls and women and the new global development agenda.
- How Are We Doing? Data Collection, Evaluation and Best Practices (morning):
 Directors of implementing agencies and NGOs will discuss the need for good data from information to evaluation and share success stories from the field.
- Learning & Working Across Generations (afternoon): A lively, no holds barred discussion about the challenges and opportunities, the ups and downs of working across generations.

• Wednesday, 18 May:

- Investing in Girls and Women: Everybody Wins (morning): Investments in women pay
 off big time. This panel will present examples of serious successes as well detail what is
 needed to make progress.
- Making the SDGs Work for Girls and Women: Regional Perspectives (morning): This
 session will present regional views on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),
 specific regional challenges and solutions from Latin America, Africa, Asia and the
 Middle East.
- Powerful Women (afternoon): This session focuses on powerful women in different areas of work and their personal and professional challenges – what would make them feel their power was well used? Do they think of themselves as powerful? Do they think they use and see power differently than men?

Thursday, 19 May

- Look to the Future, Part 1: Transformation, Innovation and Partnership (morning): This
 plenary focuses on the need to change as the world changes and present innovative
 strategies for social transformation through communication, government, private and
 NGO partnerships.
- Look to the Future, Part 2: The State of Philanthropy (morning): An in depth discussion
 of the role philanthropy needs to play in ensuring that the resources are there to
 implement the SDGs in ways that benefit girls and women.
- Men With Power: Delivering for Girls And Women (afternoon): This panel will be made up of men who have committed themselves to women's empowerment, health and wellbeing, and how they see men's role in working for women.
- Be the Change You Want to See (afternoon): Global leaders, celebrities advocates will be invited to speak on what they want to change and how they model that change in their own lives.

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