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Draft Program

Progressive Alliance Conference: Gender Equality and Decent Work

22-23 May 2015, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Friday, 22 May 2015

Venue: **NHOW Rotterdam Hotel**

Wilhelminakade, 3072 AP Rotterdam, Netherlands

Interpretation: English, French and Spanish

9:00 hrs

Registration

10:00 hrs

Progressive Alliance Steering Committee: Discussion and Adoption of Gender Equality Action Plan

Interested parties can send a delegate to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee prepares and discusses the conference and resolutions as well as the upcoming activities of the Progressive Alliance.

Chaired by **Konstantin Woinoff**, Coordinator of the Progressive Alliance

12:00 hrs

Plenary Session

Moderator of the Day: **Kirsten Meijer**, International Secretary, Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands

Welcome Address

Diederik Samsom, Leader of the Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands

12:15 hrs

Video

12:20 hrs

Opening Speeches

Zita Gurmai, President, Party of European Socialists Women (PES Women)

Jan Royall, Vice-President, Party of European Socialists, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, Great Britain

Dimple Yadav, Member of Parliament, Samajwadi Party/Socialist Party, India

Héla Aloulou, Deputy Secretary General, Democratic Forum for Labour and Liberties (Ettakatol), Tunisia

13:00 hrs

Lunch



14:30 hrs

Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1: **Closing the Gender Pay Gap**

- **Agnes Jongerius**, Member of the European Parliament, Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands
- **Raimo Pärssinen**, Member of Parliament, Swedish Social Democratic Party (SAP), Sweden
- **Sally Sami**, Egyptian Social Democratic Party (ESDP), Egypt
- **Dasa Silovic**, Chair, CEE Network for Gender Issues

Moderator: **Kirsten van den Hul**, Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands

Workshop 2: **Gender and Campaigning**

- **Bahia Amra**, Palestinian National Initiative (PNI), Palestine
- **Evin Incir**, Secretary General, International Union Of Socialist Youth (IUSY)
- **Achim Post**, Secretary General, Party of European Socialists
- **Jan Royall**, Vice-President, Party of European Socialists, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, Great Britain

Moderator: **Jolein Baidenmann**, Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands

16:00 hrs

Area Visits and Dialogue

Four different fieldtrips are organized around projects that encourage the participation of women in the labour market and for society as a whole:

- SVB Excelsior is a Dutch soccer club in Rotterdam which participates in the premier division. They offer the 'Playing for success'-project which provides after schooling to vulnerable children and a talent project specially developed for girls and women.
- 'Powerwomen' is an empowerment project for women in the neighbourhood Old-West in Rotterdam. Through the dedicated work of chairwoman Amina Hussen, women are offered daily workshops to help them getting integrated in Dutch culture and society.
- Humanitas, for victims of trafficking in women. Humanitas is a nonprofit association which aims to support people who, for a range of different reasons, temporarily cannot manage on their own. One of their activities is to provide support to women who have become victim of trafficking.
- The College of Transports and Logistics informs girls at a young age of the opportunities they have to find work as a woman in the harbour of Rotterdam. The story is being told through the aid of simulation techniques they use in classes.



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19:30 hrs

Reception

A boat in front of the hotel will take us for a trip through Rotterdam harbour, one of the biggest harbours in the world. Volunteers at the hotel reception will guide you to the boat.

Reception starts at 19.30 hrs. At 20.00 hrs the group photo will be taken on the boat and at 20.05 hrs the boat will leave. Dinner will be served on board.

Welcome Adress by

Marja Bijl, Vice-President of the Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands

Marije Laffeber, Deputy Secretary General, Party of European Socialists (PES)



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Saturday, 23 May 2015

Moderator of the Day: **Kirsten Meijer**, International Secretary Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands

10:00 hrs

Plenary Session

Opening

Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Netherlands

10:10 hrs

Video

10:15 hrs

Speeches

Mónica Xavier, President, Broad Front (FA), Uruguay

Ouafa Hajji, Member of the Political Bureau, Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP), Morocco

Maria João Rodrigues, Member of the European Parliament, Vice President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament (tbc)

11:00 hrs

Fashion Show

11:15 hrs

Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1: **The Chain of Clothes**

- **Sonajharia Minz**, Association for Democratic Socialism, India
- **Lilianne Ploumen**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
- **Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul**, Former Minister for Development, Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), Germany

Moderator: **Jolein Baidenmann**, Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands

Workshop 2: **Achieving Work-Life-Balance**

- **Elke Ferner**, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), Germany
- **Lobna Jeribi**, Founder of SOLIDAR Tunisia Project
- **Radmila Shekerinska**, Deputy President, Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (SDUM), FYR Macedonia
- **Tamar Zandberg**, Member of the Knesset, Meretz, Israel

Moderator: **Arjen Berkvens**, Director, Foundation Max van der Stoel



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12:30h hrs

Lunch

12:30 hrs

Meeting of the Progressive Alliance Board (including lunch)

Meeting for members of the Progressive Alliance Board and Party Leaders.

14:00 hrs

Address

Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor of Rotterdam

14:05 hrs

Video

14:10 hrs

How to Implement the Gender Equality Action Plan?

Introduction to the Action Plan: Kirsten van den Hul, Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands

Panelists:

- **Caroline Gennez**, Socialist Party (SPA), Belgium
- **Risa Hontiveros**, Chairperson, Akbayan Citizens Action Party, Philippines
- **Zohra Lhioui**, President of the Commission for External Relations, Socialist Union of Popular Forces, Morocco
- **Conny Reuter**, Secretary General, SOLIDAR

Moderator: **Marja Bijl**, Vice-Chair, Labour Party (PvdA), Netherlands and Vice-President, PES Women

15:00 hrs

Closing Remarks

Jet Bussemaker, Minister of Education, Culture and Science, Netherlands

15:10 hrs

Closure, Music and Drinks

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