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Kosovo Week of Women 2013

PRISHTINA, March 22, 2013

What is the Week of Women 2013?

Week of Women brings together current and future women leaders from all sectors and segments of society, to participate in a week-long event where they can discuss, learn and identify skills and techniques to become more effective in their chosen field.

Who will participate at this event?

This event will be attended by one hundred (100) women representing political parties, Parliament, Government, Local Government, Media, Academia, Civil Society and Business. The Week of Women in Kosovo will reflect also the participation of all regions of Kosovo, cross ethnicity and generations.

When and where will take place the Week of Women?

The Week of Women in Kosovo will start on **March 25** and end on **March 29, and will** take place in Prishtina at Hotel Emerald. For more details please consult our Agenda and our web-site www.weekofwomen.org.

Agenda of the Week

Monday, March 25: Women and Local Elections

14:00 – 17:00

Program Opening

- Teuta Sahatqija, Chair of the Women Caucus
- Alexander Chavarria, NDI Kosovo Resident Director
- Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson, United States Ambassador to Kosovo

Opening Remarks

- Her Excellency Atifete Jahjaga, President of Republic of Kosovo

Panel Discussion – Week review

- Susan Markham, NDI Director Women's Political Participation
- Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Former Member of the Canadian House of the Commons
- Nate Evans, NDI Consultant
- Pamela Hart, Executive Director of "Release Your Voice"

Tuesday, March 26: Making the Decision to Run

10:00 – 12:30

Panel Discussion

- Ermira Mehmeti, Member of the Parliament, Republic of Macedonia
- Ismet Kryeziu, Executive Director of KDI
- Adriatik Kelmendi, Editor in Chief of KTV
- Emilja Redzepi, Leader of New Democratic Party, NDS / MP
- Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Former Member of the Canadian House of Common



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Wednesday, March 27: Running Successful Campaigns
10:00 – 12:30

Panel Discussion

- Mimoza Kusari-Lila, Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Trade and Industry
- Jakup Krasniqi, Speaker of the Assembly of Kosovo
- Jasmina Živković, Member of Parliament and SLS member
- Judy Wasylcyia-Lesis, Former Member of the Canadian House of Commons

Thursday, March 28: Internal Democracy within Political Parties – Empowering Women
10:00 – 12:30

Panel Discussion

- Vlora Çitaku, Minister of EU Integration, Government of Kosovo
- Arbana Xharra, Journalist ZERI
- Dalibor Jevtić, Political Director of SLS
- Susan Markham, NDI Director Women's Political Participation

Friday, March 29: Women and Local Elections (Closing of the Program)
11:00 – 14:00

Closing remarks

- Teuta Sahatqija, Chair of the Women Caucus
- Suzan Novoberdali, member of Women Caucus and MP
- Susan Markham, NDI Women Political Participation Director
- Christopher Edwards, Deputy Director of USAID mission in Kosovo

Certification Ceremony
Reception

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For more information please visit our website www.weekofwomen.org , and our facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Week-of-Women/192559664187104>, or contact Arta Qorri via email aqorri@ndi.org, or call +377 44 170 703.

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