Women Leaders Forum 2014
Connecting Women’s Health and Girl’s Education for Scalable and Sustainable Development
with a special focus on Youth Education, Health and Entrepreneurship

Co-Hosted by Advanced Development for Africa (ADA) Foundation, Global Partnerships Forum, in collaboration with ITU and UNAIDS, the Zero Mothers Die Consortium and the Geena Davis Institute for Gender in Media

An official side event of the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

United Nations Headquarters
Conference Room 2
Monday, September 22nd 2014 - 9:00am – 1:00pm

8:00 – 8:45am
Check-in and Registration: Second Avenue and 46th Street (Southeast corner). Please allow adequate time to go through several security checkpoints to enter the UN building.

9:00 – 9:10am
Welcoming Remarks:

- Mr. Amir A. Dossal, Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum
- Ms. Fatima Touré, Advanced Development for Africa Foundation
- H.E. Ambassador Simona-Mirela Miculescu, PhD., Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations

9:10 – 9:15am
Special Remarks:

- Her Excellency, Madam Ban Soon-taek, Spouse of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
9:15 – 9:45am

**Inspiring Future Leaders Through Concrete Action:** Introduced by Mr. Amir A. Dossal

- H.E. Mrs. Cherie Blair, Founder and Chair, The Cherie Blair Foundation for Women
- Mrs. Nareumon Sinhaseni, President, Women’s International Forum

9:45 – 10:30am

**Launch of the Global Campaign for Zero Mothers Die:** Introduced by:

- Ms. Fatima Touré, Advanced Development for Africa Foundation;
- Dr. Jordi Serrano Pons, President, Universal Doctor; and
- Dr. Véronique Inès Thouvenot, Ph.D., Co-founder & Scientific Director, Millennia2025 Foundation

Panel:

- Her Excellency, Dr. Christine Kaseba-Sata, First Lady of the Republic of Zambia
- Dr. Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS
- Dr. Hamadoun I. Touré, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union

VIP Attendees:

- Her Excellency, Madame Sylvia Bongo Ondimba, First Lady of the Gabonese Republic
- Ms. Gabriela Isler - Miss Universe 2013

10:30 – 11:00am

**GSDF Commitment for programs in Africa, in support of ADA’s mission:**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the [Global Sustainable Development Foundation](https://www.gsdf.org):

- Ms. Sheri Yan, Founder & CEO, Global Sustainable Development Foundation
- Mr. Phil Scanlan, Founder and Chairman, New York Global Leaders Dialogue
- Mr. Ellis Rubinstein, President, The New York Academy of Sciences
- Ms. Jun Wei, Managing Partner, Hogan Lovells (Legal Counsel)

- Special Remarks by Ms. Wan Yuhua, Chairwoman, Hong Kong Bawang Group
11:00 – 11:30am

**Using the Power of Youth to Create Transformational Impact:** Introduced by Ms. Ann de la Roche, Officer-in-Charge and Chief of Operations, UN Office for Partnerships

**Opening Keynote – Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi,** UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth

- **Ms. Jainey Bavishi,** Executive Director, R3ADY Asia-Pacific
- **Ms. Susan Myers,** Vice President UN Relations, United Nations Foundation
- **Ms. Mindy Silverstein,** Managing Director, Milken Institute
- **Ms. Deborah Taylor Tate,** ITU Special Envoy for Child On-line Protection and former FCC Commissioner
- **H.E. Madame Toyin Ojora Saraki,** Founder, President, The Wellbeing Foundation Africa

*Moderated by – Ms. Ann de la Roche,* Officer-in-Charge and Chief of Operations, UN Office for Partnerships

11:30 – 12:00pm

**Investing for Impact:** Introduced by Mr. Howard W. Buffett, Lecturer in International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

- **Ms. Jennifer Field,** Director of Social Impact, GLG
- **Ms. Melissa Kushner,** Founder and Executive Director, Goods for Good
- **Ms. Francine LeFrak,** Founder, Same Sky
- **Mrs. Yana Watson Kakar,** Global Managing Partner, Dalberg

*Moderated by – Dr. Maryalice (Ali) Mazzara,* Jewish Foundation for Education of Women

12:00 – 12:30pm

**Moving the Needle from Talk to Action through Entrepreneurship** – *This session will highlight inspiring initiatives and new partnerships for Youth Education, Health and Entrepreneurship.* Introduced by Dr. Kristie Holmes, Associate Adjunct Professor of Social Work, University of Southern California

- **Mrs. Doreen Bogdan-Martin,** Chief, Strategic Planning and Membership, ITU
- **Mr. John W. Hadden II,** President & CEO, IRX Therapeutics
- **Mr. Yamandou Alexander,** Director, Georges Malaika Foundation
- **Dr. Abid Sheikh,** Chief Executive Officer, North Shore Medical Labs

*Moderated by – Ms. Wendy Diamond,* Founder, Women’s Entrepreneurship Day
12:30 – 12:40pm
Looking Ahead to 2015: Moving the Needle from Talk to Action through Financing Entrepreneurs
The 2015 Women Leaders Forum will focus on highlighting financing options and initiatives

• Mrs. Lisa Darsch, MSN RN, Co-Founder, CEO Collaborative Forum, Global eHealth Consultants

12:40 – 12:50pm
Closing Remarks: Creating Momentum for 2015:

• Mrs. Tas Dossal, Global Partnerships Forum
• Ms. Fatima Touré, Advanced Development for Africa Foundation

Connecting the Next Generation to Build a Healthy and Educated Workforce