

## DRAFT AGENDA

### Women Political Leaders Global Forum (WPL)

### Meeting in Brussels on Maternal Health: Refugee & other Vulnerable Women

Under the distinguished Patronage of H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta

*20<sup>th</sup> June 2017, European Parliament*

VENUE: ROOM A7F 387

#### TUESDAY, 20 JUNE: PART I – HIGH LEVEL SESSION: POLITICAL COMMITMENTS FOR REFUGEES & OTHER VULNERABLE WOMEN IN EUROPE

This session brings together EU-level, national and regional policy makers to discuss the issue of vulnerable women's health from a Europe-facing perspective. The meeting will also serve as a bridge between the national and European levels, following the commitment from Malta, the current holder of the EU Presidency, and aimed at the upcoming Presidencies (Estonia and Bulgaria).

The session builds on the commitment that was demonstrated by policy makers during the meeting in Malta, focusing on the Outcomes Declaration and the concrete next steps it proposed. The meeting will encourage cooperation among stakeholders (policy makers, CSOs, industry, national governments), in order to streamline refugees and other vulnerable women's maternal health into all relevant policies as opposed to the existing silos in Europe.

**30 attendees:** Invitees will include MEPs from different political groups, European Commission, Perm Rep attachés, EP Policy advisors, MEP assistants, NGOs, industry.

08.00-08.30 COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

08.30-08.40 INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING COMMENTS

- **Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Founder of the Women Political Leaders Global Forum
- **Julie Ward**, MEP

08.40-08.50 KEYNOTE OPENING

- **H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca**, President of Malta (tbc)

08.50-09.15 PROGRESS & ACTIONS TO DATE

- Recommendations & roadmap from the Malta meeting Outcomes Declaration

- Concrete next steps and actions
  - announcement of launch of informal group at the European Parliament on vulnerable women's maternal health
  - proposal for Pilot Project on vulnerable groups' access to maternal health

**Moderator: Ahinara Bascuñana López, Communications Director, WPL**

09.15-10.00

#### CASE STUDIES – REAL LIFE STORIES

- The refugee story
- World Vision Project Safe Womanhood: An integrated model to improve reproductive and maternal healthcare services in rural Romania (Mothers for life. Life for Mothers)

10.00-10.15

#### COFFEE BREAK

#### PART II: OPERATIONAL WORKSHOP

This interactive session will propose concrete solutions on some of the key points from the Outcomes Declaration. The session was inspired by the community's commitment during the March meeting in Malta, where calls were made for less work in silos and taking into account existing initiatives in order to streamline everyone's work towards resolving the problems vulnerable women face in maternal health.

**30 attendees** from different stakeholder groups, with vested powers and interest in the topic: European Commission, MEPs, Perm Rep attachés, NGOs etc.

10.15-11.15

#### WORKING SESSION I: ALIGNMENT AND PRIORITISATION

A number of elements of the Outcomes Declaration will be presented and delegates will break into groups for an alignment and prioritisation task, broadening the focus from migrant and refugee women to women in vulnerable groups as a whole. Each of three groups will be led by an impartial facilitator. Delegates will assign priority to each element of the Declaration and make proposals for changes in focus or additions to the elements, bearing in mind the broadening of the context to vulnerable groups. The outcomes of each discussion will then be shared with the group.

11.15-12.15 **WORKING SESSION II: CONTENT AND PROCESS**

Three policy pathways will be presented to the group as potential means to implement the various elements of the Declaration. Each of three groups will initially work on one policy pathway only, with a facilitator leading the group to explore a) the content of what can be achieved, defining objectives and impact; b) the concrete process by which these objectives can be achieved, defining key steps and timelines. Each group's work will be presented for feedback to the other groups before finalising.

12.15-12.30 **CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS**

12.30 **MEETING CONCLUDES**