

# Houses of the Oireachtas Service

## International Congress of Parliamentary Women's' Caucuses

Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> & Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Dublin Castle

**THEME: 'Our Vision for Women in 2118'**

### Sunday 09th September 2018 - St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle

- 18:00**            **Event Opens**
- 18:30**            **Welcome Reception** (pre dinner drinks) The Portrait Gallery, Dublin Castle
- 19:30**            **Formal Gala Dinner** St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle
- Dinner with guest of honour: (Keynote Speaker)  
**President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins**
- Introduced by, **Ceann Comhairle, Seán Ó Feargháil TD**
- 22.00**            **Concludes**

### Monday 10th September 2018 - Hibernia Conference Centre, Dublin Castle

- 08:00**            **Registration - Tea/coffee on arrival**
- 09:00**            Welcome and Introduction  
Chair, Irish Parliamentary Caucus, **Catherine Martin TD**
- 09:15**            Introduced by, **Senator Ivana Bacik**
- 'Women in Leadership'**  
Keynote Speech: **Right Honorable Harriet Harman QC MP**  
First Respondent: **Catherine McGuinness**
- Q & A**
- 10:30**            Introduced by, **Chair, Irish Parliamentary Caucus, Catherine Martin TD**
- Opening address of Conference*  
**By An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar** (Prime Minister)
- 11:00**            **Tea/coffee Break**
- Topic 1**        Social Media:        **Jason Kiernan**
- Topic 2**        Gender Quota:       **Fiona Buckley**
- Topic 3**        Herstory:            **Melanie Lynch**

- 11:30** Introduced by, **Deputy Chair, Irish Parliamentary Caucus**  
**Marcella Corcoran-Kennedy TD**
- 'Women in Society & Politics Today '**  
Speaker: **Professor Mary Beard**
- First Respondent: **Professor Mary McAuliffe**
- 12:45** **Family Photo**
- 13:00** **Lunch** Castle Hall, Dublin Castle
- 14:15** Introduced by, **Fiona O'Loughlin TD**
- Our Vision for Women in 2118**  
Chair, **Martina Devlin**
- Panellists
- Orla O'Connor** National Women's Council of Ireland  
**Laura Friedman ASM** California State Assembly  
**Stella Creasy MP** House of Commons  
**Sinéad Burke** Writer and academic  
**Ms Kareen Jabre** Inter-Parliamentary Union  
**Honorable Dr. Jessie Kabwila M.P.** Malawi Parliament
- 15:30** **Break-out Room Session**  
Policy Focused Session 'Gender Sensitive Parliament'  
**Barbara Limanowska** - European Institute for Gender Equality
- Break-out Room Session**  
"Deliberative Democracy as a Process"  
**Ms Justice Mary Laffoy**
- Break-out Room Session**  
"Impact of Caucuses Worldwide"  
**Ms Kareen Jabre** -Inter-Parliamentary Union
- 16:30** Introduced by, **Chair, Irish Parliamentary Caucus, Catherine Martin TD**
- Session One* **Dublin Castle Declaration Women in Politics 2118**  
*Proposals for Action and agreement by Members of the Conference*  
**Presented by Claire McGing**, academic Maynooth University
- Session Two* **Introductions:** Senator Colette Kelleher  
Contributions and Reflections from the floor
- 18.00** **Closing remarks**
- Chair, Irish Parliamentary Caucus **Catherine Martin TD & Irish Caucus Members**