

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION

OPTIONS FOR
WOMEN'S POLITICAL
PARTICIPATION

PROGRAMME

08:30-09:00: **Registration and coffee/tea**

09:00-09:30: **Welcome & introduction**
Bjørn Førde, Director, DIPD

09:30-10:30: **PANEL 1: STRUCTURES OF EXCLUSION**

Political violence against women in Zimbabwe
Lovemore Madhuku, Chairperson, NCA

Navigating between international human rights treaties and Islamic Law in Egypt
Marwa Sharafeldin, PhD fellow, Oxford University

Women in political parties in Tunisia
Soulef Guessoum, Regional Project Manager, Parliaments and Crisis Prevention, UNDP

10:30-11:00: **Questions and debate**
Facilitator: Bjørn Førde, Director, DIPD

11:00-11:15: **Coffee break**

11:15-12:15: **PANEL 2: RESPONSES TO EXCLUSION OF WOMEN**

Developing an enabling environment for women's participation
Rumbidzai A. Kandawasvika-Nhundu, Senior Programme Manager, International IDEA

Mobilising and supporting grass roots women in Zimbabwe
Munjodzi Mutandiri, NCA

Mobilising women for the October 2011 election in Tunisia
Lyliya Ben Hamida, TAAMS

12:15-12:45: **Questions and debate**
Facilitator: Bjørn Førde, Director, DIPD

12:45-13:45: **Lunch**

- 13:45-14:00: **Launching of Gendernet's publication: 'Strengthen Women's Influence in Political Life'**
Martin Rosenkilde Pedersen, Advisor Political Space, DanChurchAid
- 14:00-14:15: **How virtual networking is being used to foster women's political participation – presentation of iKNOW Politics**
Piyoo Kochar, Project Manager, iKNOW Politics
- 14:15-14:45: **Summarization and introduction to working groups**
Bjørn Førde, Director, DIPD
- 14:45-15:45: **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**
- Workshop 1: From global to local: strengthening the link between national and international civil society.**
Facilitator: Lovemore Madhuku
- Workshop 2: Engaging with the UN: The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**
Facilitator: Marwa Sharafeldin
- Workshop 3: The role of the UNDP in promoting women's participation.**
Facilitator: Soulef Guessoum
- Workshop 4: From politics of presence to critical influence and action**
Facilitator: Rumbidzai A. Kandawasvika-Nhundu
- Workshop 5: From monitoring to action: translating documentation to mobilisation and campaign strategies.**
Facilitator: Munjodzi Mutandiri
- Workshop 6: Transforming democracy from an urban elite phenomenon to a broad-based system where women participate as equals.**
Facilitator: Lylia Ben Hamida
- 15:45-16:00: **Coffee break**
- 16:00-16:45: **Presentation by working groups and discussion**
- 16:45-17:00: **How to proceed from here and closing remarks**
Bjørn Førde, Director, DIPD