



August 27. 2018

Dear Pia Kjærsgaard

I would like to draw your attention to the Women Leaders Global Forum, taking place in Reykjavik, Iceland, on 26–28 November 2018. The Althingi, the Parliament of Iceland, and the Icelandic Government have agreed to co-host this forum for the next four years, welcoming women political leaders from all around the world to share ideas and build new solutions to global challenges.

For nearly a decade, Iceland has held the top place of the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index. We are proud to be the home of the first democratically elected woman President in the world, Ms Vigdís Finnbogadóttir. Still, we have not reached an end point. While we can share some of the tools that have been helpful for us, we also have a lot to learn from other countries.

Women's solidarity and women's collaboration can move mountains. As leaders it is our obligation to do whatever we can to make this world a better place for women and girls, so that no woman is held back due to her gender and so that we enable prosperity for future generations. That is why I hope this event will attract women political leaders from all across the world, not least speakers and other women leaders from Parliaments.

I hope you will be able to join us for this conversation and look forward to welcoming you to Iceland.

Yours sincerely,

Speaker of Folketinget
H.E. Pia Kjærsgaard

Steingrímur J. Sigfússon
Speaker of Althingi