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## REYKJAVÍK GLOBAL FORUM WOMEN LEADERS

### INVITATION

Dear Heidi Bank,

It is an honour to invite you to join the Reykjavík Global Forum - Women Leaders 2020, taking place 9-11 November in Reykjavík, Iceland.

2020 is a particularly significant year for women's leadership as it marks the 25th anniversary of the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, among other important milestones. Yet, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many key gatherings to advance equality between women and men have been cancelled or postponed.

Although these valuable moments may have been lost, our commitment to achieving their aims is redoubled. In this new world context, the Reykjavik Global Forum - Women Leaders can play a valuable role in ensuring that 2020's major milestones are not forgotten.

Despite these challenging times, the Forum is committed to ensuring that women leaders like yourself, who meant to meet earlier in 2020 have a platform to still do so during the year's fourth quarter in Iceland. We are presently in contact with the hosts of some of the most noteworthy women conferences which have been impacted by the pandemic, to envisage the Forum incorporating broader partnerships and a shared agenda. Now more than ever, it is imperative that the global community of change-makers and influencers across the public and private sectors press forward in optimism and continue to use their collective power to enact positive actions for the sustainable advancement of our society.

Hosted in Iceland, the world-champion for equality between women and men for more than a decade on the WEF's Global Gender Gap Report, each year the Forum abounds and reverberates the influence and worldwide perspectives of today's most formidable female leaders. At the Reykjavik Global Forum, one is not an attendee, but an invited leader; someone who can hear what is being said, can add value to and share the passion for the conversation: a Conversationist.

Launched in November 2018 and co-hosted in partnership with the Government and Parliament of Iceland, the Reykjavik Global Forum - Women Leaders annually convenes 450+ Conversationists, including Presidents, Prime Ministers, Parliamentarians, leaders from business, academia, civil society, arts, media and more from all around the world. Those who have broken the glass ceiling, experts who lead the way in their respective fields, leaders and visionaries inspired by and inspiring their peers.

The dates of 9-11 November make us very hopeful that it will be feasible to hold the Forum. Seven months from now: most reports suggest Covid-19 will be better controlled, a treatment or vaccine is envisaged for as early as late summer/early autumn, and Iceland with its unique, borderless geography is well equipped to manage the safe flow of people.

Should you be interested to attend, please confirm your [registration here](#).

In the spirit of Power, Together, it would be a privilege to have you join us and to play an important role at this emblematic edition of the Reykjavik Global Forum - Women Leaders.

Yours sincerely,



Silvana Koch-Mehrin  
President of Women Political Leaders (WPL)



Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir  
Chair of the Reykjavik Global Forum  
Member of the WPL Board  
Senior Advisor Women's Leadership, UN Women

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Last year's Forum welcomed [featured conversationists](#) from all sectors of society, including:



**JULIA GILLARD**

— Prime Minister of Australia (2007–2013), Chair of the Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Member of the Council of Women World Leaders



**MARIA RESSA**

— Co-founder and CEO of Rappler



**CHRISTY TANNER**

— Executive Vice-President and General Manager, CBS News Digital



**KATRÍN JAKOBSDÓTTIR**

— Prime Minister of Iceland, Member of the Council of Women World Leaders



**ANITA BHATIA**

— Deputy Executive Director of UN Women



**DALIA GRYBAUSKAITĖ**

— President of Lithuania (2009–2015), Chair Emerita of the Council of Women World Leaders (2014–2015), Member of the Council of Women World Leaders



**MICHELE PARMELEE**

— Global Chief People and Purpose Officer, Deloitte



**SANDIE OKORO**

— Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the World Bank Group



**GITA GOPINATH**

— Chief Economist, the IMF



**ANN CAIRNS**

— Vice Chairman, Mastercard



**ELAINE QUIÑANO**

— Anchor, CBSN



**HILTRUD D. WERNER**

— Member of the Board of Management, Integrity and Legal Affairs, Volkswagen AG



**ATIFETE JAHJAGA**

— President of the Republic of Kosovo (2010–2013), Member of the Council of Women World Leaders



**GUÐNI TH. JÓHANNESSON**

— President of Iceland



**LANA POPOVIC**

— President Central and Eastern Europe Business Unit, The Coca-Cola Company



**UZRA ZEZA**

— President and CEO, The Alliance for Peacebuilding (ASP)



**DIRK LUYTEN**

— Managing Director, INSEAD



**OBİY EZEKWEŠİLİ**

— Presidential Candidate (2005), Minister of Education (2006–2007), and Minister of Solid Minerals (2009–2006), Nigeria; Vice-President for Africa at the World Bank (2007–2012)



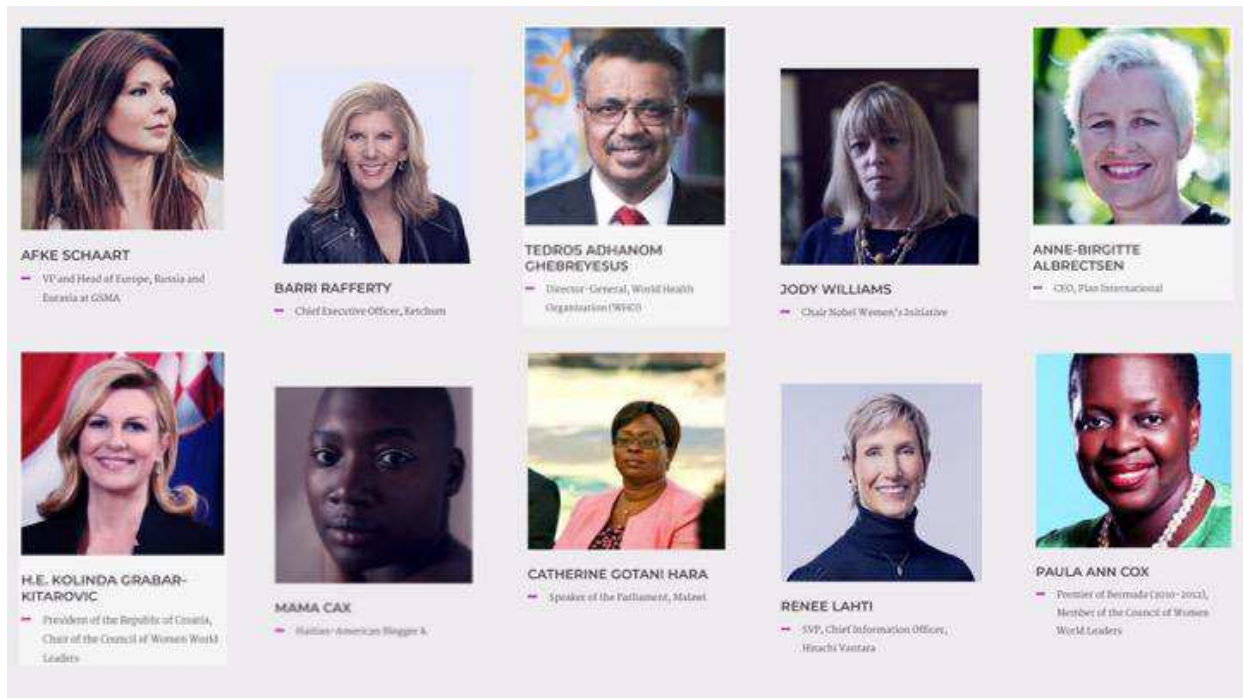
**JEWEL TAYLOR**

— Vice-President of the Republic of Liberia, President of the Senate of Liberia and Member of the WFL Executive Board



**AMY WEAVER**

— President, Legal & Corporate Affairs of Salesforce



Full details on the Forum and reports from last year's edition can be found on:

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