



# Socialist International Women

**COUNCIL AND XXI CONGRESS**  
**Cartagena, Colombia, 25, 26 and 27 February 2017**

**'Gender Inequality in the World Today – Understanding the New Challenges and Ending Gender Inequality by 2030**

## Programme

*Venue: Hotel Almirante Cartagena*

### **Saturday 25 February**

**15.00 – 18.00hrs      Council**

*\*\*\*Welcome dinner at 20.00hrs at Hotel Almirante\*\*\**

### **Sunday 26 February                      Congress (Day 1)**

**09.00 – 10.30hrs      Inaugural session**

- Opening speech by Ouafa Hajji, President, Socialist International Women, SIW
- Welcoming address by Arleth Casado, President of the legal Commission for the Equality of Women, Senator of the Republic, Colombia and
- Olga Lucía Velasquez, Honorable representative to the chamber of the republic and spokeswoman of the bench of liberal representatives in the congress of the Republic, Colombia

**10.45 - 13.00hrs      First Session: Gender inequality, Education and women empowerment.  
President of the session: SIW Vicepresident Miguelina Vecchio**

- Pia Locatelli, SIW honorary President, PSI, Italy
- Ousseini Hadizatou Yacouba, President Tarayya Women's Organisation, OFT, Party for Democracy and Socialism of Niger, PNDS, Niger
- Koestan Gadan, leading member of KDP Iran, Iran
- Luis Ayala, Secretary General, IS

Questions to Keynote Speaker

**\*\*\* Lunch Break 13.00 – 15.00hrs \*\*\***

**15.00 – 17.00hrs      Second session: Ending violence, acting for peace and development. President of the session: SIW Vice President Tuula Peltonen**

- Chantal Kambiwa, Vice-President of the Socialist International, SI; Vice-President of the NGO CSW/Africa; President of Post 2015 Africa Women Forum; Social Democratic Front, SDF, Cameroon
- Natalia Velikaya, Russia, head of the Social Democratic Women of Russian, SDW, A Just Russia Party, Russia
- Hella Benyoussef, Democratic Forum for Labour and Freedom, FDTL, Tunisia

Questions to Keynote Speakers

**17.00 – 19.00hrs      (Closed session for full member organisations only)**

- Administrative Matters and Elections

**\*\*\* Evening \*\*\***

**Monday 27 February      Congress (Day 2)**

**09.00 – 10.00hrs      (Closed session for full member organisations only)**

**10.00 – 13.00hrs      Third session: Gender inequality, understanding the new challenges. President of the session: Svetlina Yolcheva**

- Speech by Newly Elected President, SIW
- Marije Laffeber, PES Deputy Secretary General, Netherlands
- Carolina Ordoñez, President of the National Women's Organisation, Liberal Party of Colombia, PLC, Colombia
- Shazia Marri, National Assembly of Pakistan, Pakistan
- Hilal Dokuzcan, Women's Branch, CHP, Turkey

Questions to Keynote Speakers

**\*\*\* Lunch Break 13.00 – 15.00hrs \*\*\***

**15.00 – 17.30hrs**

Delegates' Contributions on Different Topics

**17.30 – 18.00hrs**

Adoption of the Congress Resolution and Closing Remarks

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