



Gender Equality and Government: The Americas Forum
2nd Annual Meeting of the
Global Leadership Initiative on Gender Equality (2006-2009)
Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. - September 5-7, 2007

Preliminary Agenda

Wednesday, September 5, 2007
The Georgian Terrace Hotel

8:00 PM	Inaugural Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Beverly Tatum, President, Spelman College, Atlanta ▪ Presentation of the Global Initiative on Gender Equality by Mr. Alex Mejia, Executive Director, CIFAL Atlanta ▪ Greetings from Partnering Institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Her Excellency Carmen Moreno, Eminent Ambassador and Director of UN-INSTRAW, Dominican Republic - Ms. Francine Senécal, Co-President, Metropolis Women International Network, Canada - Honorable John H. Eaves, Fulton County Commission Chairman, Atlanta ▪ Remarks by the Honorable Shirley Franklin, Mayor, City of Atlanta and Chair of the Board, CIFAL Atlanta ▪ Keynote Address by the Honorable Ana Vilma de Escobar, Vice President, Republic of El Salvador
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Thursday, September 6, 2007
The Georgian Terrace Hotel

8:30 AM	Opening Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Jose Ignacio Gonzalez, Chairman, Executive Committee, CIFAL Atlanta ▪ Remarks by the Honorable Nancy A. Boxill, Commissioner, Fulton County Government, Atlanta ▪ Remarks by Ms. Francine Senécal, Vice-President, Executive Committee, City of Montreal, Canada ▪ Introduction of Delegates ▪ Group Photo
9:30 AM	Session 1: Facilitated by Ms. Akiko Miyahara , Programme Officer, UNITAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of UNITAR and CIFAL Network ▪ Introduction of Knowledge Management Tool and "River and Stairs" Diagram
10:00 AM	Session 2: Best Practice Sharing: Peer Assist Exercise <i>Delegates assess competency levels & strengths with input from participating cities, set priority areas and target levels for each priority levels</i>
11:30 AM	Coffee Break
11:45 AM	Best Practice Presentations: Policy and Political Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Study "Overview Fulton County Gender Mainstreaming Initiative" by Mr. Thomas Andrews, County Manager, Fulton County Government, Atlanta ▪ Case Study "To Develop Public Space for the Participation for the Women within the City of Montreal" by Ms. Nicole Boily, President of the Conseil des Montréalaises, Montreal, Canada ▪ Case Study "Quota's Mechanism of Political Participation" by Ms. Altagracia Balcacer Molina, UN-INSTRAW, Dominican Republic ▪ Q & A



12:45 PM	Lunch with Keynote Speaker (TBC)
2:30 PM	Session 3: Best Practice Sharing: Development of Knowledge Assets <i>From the experiences shared in the previous session, delegates will list the emerging themes and phrase them as advice; Get concrete examples; Link names and contact details to both the advice and the examples. The objective of listing existing resources is to find out what is already know about the topic.</i>
4:15 PM	Coffee Break
4:30 PM	Best Practice Presentations: Financing for Gender Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case Study by Ms. Graciela Ciciliani, Municipality of Rosario, Argentina ▪ Case Study "Gender Equity in the City and County of San Francisco" by Ms. Ann Lehman, Senior Policy Analyst, Department on the Status of Women, San Francisco, USA ▪ Case Study by Ms. Patricia Palacios J., International Project URB-AL B, Municipality of Quito, Ecuador ▪ Q & A
5:30 PM	Session closes
6:45 PM	Departure for Optional Dine-In with Prominent Women from the Atlanta Community

Friday, September 7, 2007
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9:00 AM	Summary of First Day Findings by CIFAL Representative
9:15 AM	Session 4: Knowledge Fair <i>Delegates are given an opportunity to make offers and requests for guidance and more information on best practices discussed during the forum.</i>
10:15 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM	Session 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft Action Plans by City Delegations ▪ Presentation of Action Plans by City Delegations ▪ Rapporteur: Dr. Sonia Roca, President, University of the Pacific, Ecuador <i>Delegates are encouraged to set short, medium and long term goals for priority areas, identify partner cities and make personal commitments.</i>
12:45 PM	Closing Ceremony and Luncheon with Agnes Scott College Faculty and Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Elizabeth Kiss, President, Agnes Scott College, Atlanta ▪ Summary of Best Practices by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Honorable Ivonne Baki, Member of the Andean Parliament, Bogotá, Colombia ▪ Presentation of Certificates and Closing Remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Honorable Nancy A. Boxill, Commissioner, Fulton County Government, Atlanta - Honorable Shirley Franklin, Mayor, City of Atlanta and Chair of the Board, CIFAL Atlanta ▪ Group Photo with Faculty and Students
2:30 PM	Optional Campus Site Visit (approx. 1 hour)