

COURAGE To LEAD



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The Courage to Lead A Human Rights Summit for Women Leaders

**8-10 December 2009
Geneva, Switzerland**

**at the Headquarters of the
International Labour Organization (ILO)**

**The Following Program Events
at the ILO are open to the Interested Public
Each Day of the Event Will Have a Thematic Focus**

- **Tuesday: *Community and Economic Development: Ensuring Access to Food, Shelter and Wages***
- **Wednesday: *Education and Political Empowerment: Ensuring Access to Education and the Government***
- **Thursday: *Protection from Violence against Women and Human Trafficking***

The Courage to Lead Summit will bring together experienced and emerging human rights leaders to share and build on their experiences and to promote mentoring and collaboration among women who play a key role in promoting human rights worldwide.

The conference is organized by The Eleanor Roosevelt Project of the George Washington University and Vital Voices Global Partnership with support from the U.S. Department of State, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Labour Organization. The Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO) is coordinating logistics for the event.

The Schedule of Events Open to the Public Follows. For more information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva: 022.749.4359.

Tuesday, 8 December

THEME: Community and Economic Development: Ensuring Access to Food, Shelter and Wages”

9:00-9:30: Welcome:

Allida Black, The Eleanor Roosevelt Project
Jane Hodges, The Bureau for Gender Equality, ILO
Cindy Dyer, Vital Voices Global Partnership
Douglas Griffiths, Chargé d’Affaires, United States Mission to the
United Nations Office in Geneva

Salle II, ILO

9:30-11:00: Plenary panel: Securing Access to Food, Shelter, and Wages

Salle II, ILO

Moderator:

Allida Black (USA), The Eleanor Roosevelt Project

Panelists:

Margo Alexander (USA), President of the Acumen Fund
Elham Naji al-Shwaily (Iraq), Director of the Love and Peace Society
and former director of Oxfam’s and the Red Crescent’s water
and food relief programs
Representative from WHO or OHCHR on securing access to health
OR Mu Sochua (Cambodia) on securing access to housing

11:00-11:30: Coffee break

11:30-13:00: Concurrent Break-out sessions

Securing Access to Capital/Wages: Margo Alexander, facilitator

Salle II, ILO

Securing Access to Housing: Mu Sochua, facilitator

Salle IV, ILO

Securing Access to Food and Water: Elham Naji al-Shwaily, facilitator

Salle V, ILO

Wednesday, 9 December

THEME: Education and Political Empowerment: Ensuring Access to Education and the Government

9:00-11:00: Plenary panel
Salle II, ILO

Moderator:

Allida Black (USA), The Eleanor Roosevelt Project

Panelists:

Benedicta Chiwokwu Agusiobo (Nigeria), Education Consultant for the World Bank and UNICEF

Brenda Dardar Robicgaux (USA), Chief of the United Houma Nation
Matanat Aziznova (Azerbaijan), Chair, Women's Crisis Center

11:00-11:30: Keynote address:
Jane Hodges, Director of the Bureau of Gender Equality, International Labour Office
Salle II, ILO

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30: Concurrent break-out sessions

Securing Access to Education: Benedicta Chiwokwu Agusiobo, facilitator

Salle II, ILO

Holding the Government Accountable: Matanat Aziznova, facilitator

Salle IV, ILO

Advocating for Indigenous People and Marginalized Populations:
Brenda Dardar Robichaux, facilitator

Salle V, ILO

Thursday, 10 December

THEME: Protection from Violence against Women and Human Trafficking

8:30-10:30: Plenary Panel
Salle II, ILO

Moderator:

Cindy Dyer, Director of Human Rights for Vital Voices

Panelists:

Joy Ezeilo (Nigeria), UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children

Sarah Buehl (USA), Former Prosecutor, Professor, University of Texas Law School

Zohreh Tabatabai (Geneva/Iran), UN-GIFT and Director,
Department of Communication and Public Information,
Patricia Viseur-Sellers (USA/Brussels), Former Legal Officer, Legal
Advisor for Gender and Acting Senior Trial Attorney at the
International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

10:30-11:00 Key-note address:
Kyung-wha Kang, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights
Salle III, ILO

11:00- 11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Concurrent break-out sessions

Combating Domestic and Family Violence: Sarah Buehl, facilitator
Salle II, ILO

Mobilizing the International Community to End Human Trafficking:
Joy Ezeilo, facilitator
Salle III, ILO

Responding to the Crisis of Sexual Violence: Patricia Viseur-Sellers,
facilitator, *Salle IV, ILO*

Working to End Culturally Harmful Practices: Zohreh Tabatabai,
facilitator
Salle V, ILO

17:30-18:30: Reception
Hall XIV, Grande Salle des Assemblées of the Palais des Nations

18:45-20:00 Closing Ceremony
Grande Salle des Assemblées of the Palais des Nations

Host:
Allida Black, The Eleanor Roosevelt Project

Remarks:
Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director General of the United Nations Office
in Geneva
Douglas Griffiths, Chargé d'Affaires, the United States Mission to the
United Nations Office in Geneva

Presentation of the Eleanor Roosevelt Lifetime Achievement for
Leadership in Human Rights to and dialogue with U.S. Secretary of
State Hillary Clinton, via satellite

Closing Remarks:
Allida Black, The Eleanor Roosevelt Project