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Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe

*NU mai participo
domnul deputat
Constantin Tudor*

*P. Ionescu
29.09.2008*

București, 25 septembrie 2008

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MEMORANDUM INTERN

De la: Nadia Ionescu, director

Către: domnul Mihai Unghianu, secretar general adjunct al Camerei Deputaților

Tema: Participarea la cel de-al 3-lea Congres Mondial despre Rolul Femeilor în Politică și Guvernare (Manila, Filipine, 19-22 octombrie 2008)

*P. Ionescu
28.09.2008*

În perioada 19-22 octombrie a.c., la Manila (Filipine), se vor desfășura lucrările celui de al 3-lea Congres Mondial despre Rolul Femeilor în Politică și Guvernare a cărei tematică se va axa, în principal, pe „Rolul femeilor în politica schimbărilor climatice și a diminuării riscului de producere a dezastrelor”. Sunt invitați să participe la dezbateri parlamentari, factori de decizie ai guvernelor naționale (miniștri ai mediului) lideri ai organizațiilor pentru tineri, reprezentanți ai mass media, etc. Organizatorul Congresului, Centrul Asia-Pacific pentru Integrarea Femeilor în Politică (CAPWIP), care asigură rezervarea cazării pentru perioada 18-23 octombrie a.c., mesele pentru perioada 19-22 octombrie a.c., materialele pentru Congres și transportul local solicită plata în avans, prin transfer bancar, a unei taxe de participare în valoare de 1.950 USD/persoană.

Din partea Camerei Deputaților au primit invitații nominale de participare

domnii deputați **Viorel Pupeză (PC)** și **Constantin Tudor (PD-L)**, membri ai Comisiei pentru administrație publică, amenajarea teritoriului și echilibru ecologic. Din partea Comisiei pentru administrație publică, amenajarea teritoriului și echilibru ecologic a fost desemnată să participe, de asemenea, doamna Mona Georgeta Baban, consilier parlamentar al Comisiei.

Grupul parlamentar PD-L al Camerei Deputaților a anunțat telefonic că domnul deputat Constantin Tudor nu poate lua parte la lucrările Congresului.

Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar conform art.3, alin.e) al HBP 1/2003 modificată și completată prin HBP 5/2007.

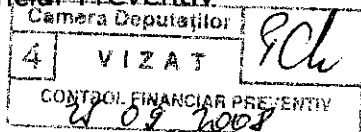
Propunem:

- să se aprobe participarea domnului deputat Viorel Pupeză și a doamnei Mona Georgeta Baban, consilier parlamentar, la acțiunea menționată;
- deplasarea se va face cu avionul pe ruta București-Atena-Bahrain-Manila și retur, cu plecare în 16 octombrie a.c., orele 19:10 (A3 963) și întoarcere în 24 octombrie a.c., orele 10:00 (A3 960), conform traseului anexat;
- să se acorde drepturi de diurnă categoria a II-a, 50% pentru 5 zile, 100% pentru 3 zile, precum și un avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară;
- să se aprobe acordarea, prin transfer bancar, în avans, a sumei de 1.950 USD/persoană, reprezentând taxa de participare (ce include cazarea, mesele, transportul local și materialele de lucru);
- recalcularea cheltuielilor să se facă la întoarcerea în țară pe baza documentelor justificative.

Director,
Nadia Ionescu

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COMISIA PENTRU ADMINISTRAȚIE PUBLICĂ, AMENAJAREA TERITORIULUI ȘI ECHILIBRU ECOLOGIC

22 septembrie 2008
Nr.26/2916

Doamnei Director
NADIA IONESCU

DIRECȚIA DE RELAȚII PARLAMENTARE CU ȚĂRILE EUROPENE, AMERICA DE NORD ȘI ORGANISMELE MULTILATERALE ALE ACESTORA

Dorim să vă informăm că la Comisia pentru administrație publică, amenajarea teritoriului și echilibru ecologic s-au primit invitații din partea dr. Jung-Sook Kim, președinte al Centrului Asia-Pacific pentru Integrarea Femeilor în Politică - CAPWIP, pentru a se participa la al 3-lea Congres Mondial despre Rolul Femeilor în Politică și Guvernare, ce va avea loc la Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, Metro Manila, Filipine, în perioada 19 - 22 octombrie 2008. Tema acestui congres este „Rolul femeilor în politica schimbărilor climatice și diminuării riscului de producere a dezastrelor”.

Invitațiile nominale au fost adresate următorilor membri ai Comisiei:

- domnul deputat Constantin Tudor (Grupul parlamentar al PD-L);
- domnul deputat Viorel Pupeză (Grupul parlamentar al PSD).

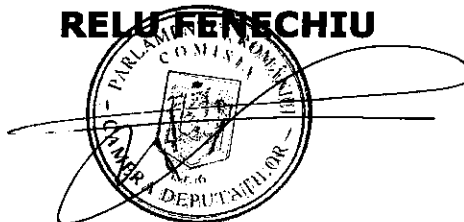
Dată fiind complexitatea temelor ce vor fi abordate, propunem ca din delegație să facă parte și doamna Mona Georgeta Baban, consilier al Comisiei.

Față de cele de mai sus, vă adresăm rugămintea de a dispune luarea tuturor măsurilor pentru desfășurarea în bune condiții a deplasării delegației parlamentare, la Manila, în perioada 19 - 22 septembrie 2008.

Cu deosebită stimă,

PREȘEDINTE,

RELI FENECHIU





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București, 22 septembrie 2008

Direcția Generală Afaceri Externe

Direcția de relații parlamentare cu țările europene, America de Nord și
organismele multilaterale ale acestora

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului
deputat Viorel Pupeză la cel de-al 3-lea Congres Mondial despre Rolul
Femeilor în Politică și Guvernare ce se va desfășura în Filipine, în
perioada 19-22 octombrie 2008.

Liviu Bogdan Ciucă

Lider Grup parlamentar al PC





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22 August 2008

Mr. Viorel PUPEZĂ

Member

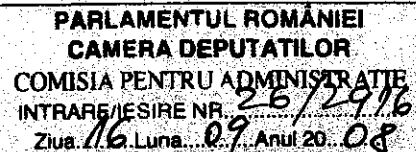
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Dear Mr. PUPEZĂ:

The Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP) in partnership with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) and the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) is pleased to invite you to the Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance which will be held on October 19-22, 2008 at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines. The theme of the congress is "Gender in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction."

Women and environment experts have raised concern over the absence of women in the discourse and debate on climate change and disaster risk reduction, both of which are global mainstream issues that are currently impacting the entire world. The involvement of women in areas of environmental management and governance should not be perceived as an afterthought. Women's roles are of considerable importance in the promotion of environmental ethics.

The current imperative is for women to understand the phenomenon of climate change and disaster risk reduction and their impacts and implications at the individual, household, community and national levels. Studies show that women have a definite information deficit on climate politics, climate protection, and preparedness through disaster risk reduction. Only with this information can women take their proper, significant and strategic role in the issues of climate change and disaster risk reduction.

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Specific Objectives:

a) to understand the phenomenon of climate change, its impacts, and its implications and study the appropriate risk reduction strategy;

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b) to review and examine the gender aspects in climate change and disaster risk reduction and formulate appropriate actions to address these;

c) to define the roles women can play in addressing the impacts of climate change and disaster risk reduction programs and policies at the global, national and sub-national levels; and

d) to identify and define the action agenda for parliamentarians, policy advocates, and women leaders to support global and national actions to adapt gender responsive legislation and programs related to gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction.

Congress Proceedings:

The discussion on gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction will be organized around identifying the challenges to action as well as defining the appropriate responses to effectively address the impacts of climate change and disaster risk reduction. Inputs to the discussion will be collected and organized around: 1) geographic location and 2) types of actions: i.e. preparedness, risk reduction: building community resilience; adaptation; and mitigation. Cross cutting these discussions will be the identification of technologies in aid of responding to climate change and preparedness thru disaster risk reduction.

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Preparedness and disaster risk reduction is about building individual and community capacities to position themselves and their communities so that the likelihood of climate change-induced disasters is reduced; the intensity or adverse impacts of disasters are cushioned and that inhabitants are able to respond promptly, expeditiously and effectively. Adaptation entails actions that moderate harm, or exploit benefits, of climate change. Mitigation entails actions that minimizes or cushions the adverse impacts of climate change.

In all of these actions, special attention will be given to defining how women and gender could be mainstreamed. In other words, the Congress should define how women can be given the social space to participate, influence, and benefit from global and local responses to climate change.

The registration fee for the four day congress is One thousand five hundred fifty US Dollars (US\$ 1,550.) per person for twin room sharing accommodations (two persons in one room) and one thousand nine hundred fifty US Dollars (US\$ 1,950.) per person for single room accommodations (one person in one room).

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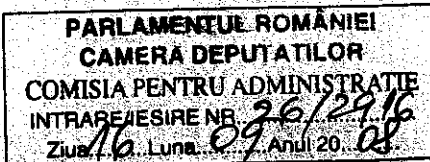
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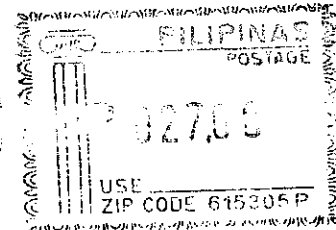
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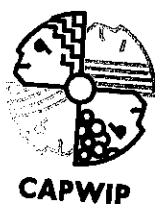
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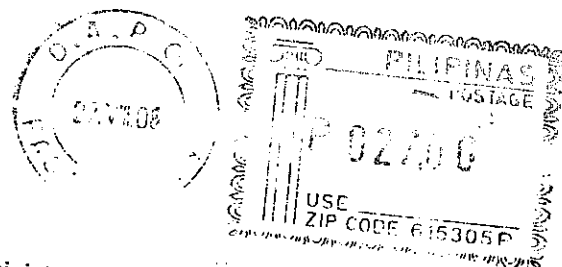
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Focus on Gender in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

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I. Background and Context

Climate Change:

Climate change is the 21st century crisis. According to the United Nations Human Development Report “(I) it is still a preventable crisis. The world is now at or near the warmest level on record in the current interglacial period, which began 12,000 years ago. There is strong evidence that the process is accelerating.”¹

The urgency of climate change was underscored by Faith Birol, the Chief Economist of the International Energy Agency: “Without serious policy shifts, we may be heading toward the double crisis of energy insecurity and climate change... The macroeconomics is clear, with prevention now costing a good deal less than adaptation later: 1 % of GDP if we act now and 5-20 % if we wait. ...We must treat the earth as if we intended to stay...”² The world has less than a decade to change its course.

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“The direct economic cost of disasters is on the rise, recently costing \$7.5 billion to China due to snowstorms, and \$12.5 billion to Japan from one earthquake in 2007, and \$5.5 billion to Germany from the windstorm Kyrill. Moreover, the indirect economic cost is usually more than that of direct economic cost. The political costs of neglecting substantive disaster reduction and management policies are also becoming increasingly clear. Public confidence in all levels of the United States government dropped in 2005 after perceived inadequacies of the government’s preparedness for Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, and in reaction to the inequalities the Hurricane revealed. Meanwhile, approval ratings of President Alan García of Peru rose five points on public perception of effective government disaster management immediately after the Peruvian earthquake of 2007.”³

Increased exposure to drought, to more intense storms, to floods and environmental stress is holding back the efforts of the world’s poor to build a better life for themselves and their children. In short climate change would stall and reverse progress in human development, including cutting down extreme poverty, health, education, nutrition.

Key mechanisms through which climate change could stall and then reverse human development:

- 1) General impact - climate change will affect rainfall, temperature and water availability for agriculture in vulnerable areas. For example, drought affected areas in sub-Saharan Africa could expand by 60-90 million hectares, with dry land zones suffering losses of US \$25 billion by 2060; other developing regions will experience losses in agricultural production; those affected by malnutrition could rise to 600 million;
- 2) Water stress and water insecurity - an additional 1.8 billion people could be living in water scarce environment by 2080; Central Asia, Northern China and the northern part of

¹ “Climate Change and Future Scenarios.” Human Development Report, 2007/2008:31.

² “Managing Climate Change: Doing Everything Everywhere For a Very Long Time.” Sustain. Issue 28, July 2007:2.

³ The First Consultative Meeting of Parliamentarians for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, 21-23 April 2008, Manila, the Philippines, Concept Note, International Society for Disaster Reduction, 2008.

South Asia face immense vulnerabilities; seven of Asia's great river systems will experience an increase in flows over the short term;

- 3) Rising sea levels and exposure to climate change - over 70 million people in Bangladesh, 6 million in Lower Egypt and 22 million in Viet Nam could be affected; small island states in the Caribbean and the Pacific could suffer catastrophic damage; with over 344 million people currently exposed to tropical cyclones, more intensive storms could have devastating consequences for a large group of companies;
- 4) Ecology - Climate change is transforming ecological systems - with a 3 degree centigrade of warming, 20-30 percent of land species could face extinction;
- 5) Human health - major killer diseases could expand their reach due to the impacts of extreme summer and winter conditions and heat waves; for example, an additional 220-400 million people could be exposed to malaria which already claims 1 million lives annually.

Global discussions on climate change have attempted to sketch a road map for coping with climate change. Actions must include: how to stop and reverse further global warming so that greenhouse gas emissions must fall to avoid rise in temperatures over 2 degrees centigrade from pre-industrial levels; how to live with the degree of global warming that cannot be stopped and how to design a new model for human progress and development that is climate proof and climate friendly and gives everyone a fair share of the natural resources on which we depend.⁴ In other words, coping efforts must include: 1) preparedness and disaster risk reduction and building community resilience; 2) adaptation; and 3) mitigation.

Climate change is global but its impacts are local. Concerted actions must therefore be undertaken at both the local and global levels. In this regard, certain preconditions must be observed as suggested by Bjorn Stigson, the President of the World Business for Sustainable Development:⁵

- The first need is a *common perception* that we have a problem that must be addressed with some sense of urgency.
- We need a *willingness by governments to actually do something about it*; that belief is lacking as politicians do not yet see climate change as a decisive election issue
- We need a *feeling that there is an equitable sharing of the costs* for solving the problem.
- We need *realistic options for solutions*, for example, technologies that can create a more resource-efficient economy and/or eliminate greenhouse gases, such as carbon capture and storage. We do seem to possess an effective arsenal of technology options.
- We need the *tools to implement these options*: regulations, standards, economic instruments, voluntary actions by citizens and business, etc.: We possess those tools, but need the political will to use them
- We need *funding for actions like technology development and deployment*, as well restructuring societal infrastructure; such funding is lacking, but it could be provided if it was a political priority;
- We need a *willingness on the parts of all economic actors to change behavior toward more sustainable lifestyles*. This will depend on a number of the above-mentioned factors, but also on whether the actions are "profitable" within the prevailing economic paradigm.
- We need *constructive cooperation between the key parts of society* – governments, business and civil society. Such cooperation is lacking.

Disaster Risk Reduction:

⁴ Hannah Reid and Andrew Simms. "Climate Change and Development Challenges in Asia." *Responding to Climate Change* (RTCC), 2008:16.

⁵ Bjorn Stigson. *Sustain*. Issue 28, July 2007:1.

The UN/ISDR reports that in 1999 alone, there were more than 700 disasters with widespread economic and social damage leading to the death of approximately 100,000 people. (Environmental Management and the Mitigation of Natural Disasters: A Gender Perspective).

Today, between April and May 2008, the Myanmar Cyclone disaster and the China earthquake has claimed more than 150,000 deaths and the number is rising everyday. It was also reported that the majority of the victims are women.

The sooner we all recognize that women can contribute to the solution of the problem, the more benefits the communities will derive. Investing on women to become agents of change rather than victims of disasters can pay off well.

Dr. Salvano Briceno, Director of UN/ISDR has this to say: "The capacity of human societies to withstand disasters is primarily determined by the internal strengths and weaknesses of the society in question: namely, its level of social, economic and cultural development or vulnerability. Capacities to cope are different, depending on the class, gender, age and background, indigenous or not), etc., of the affected communities."

Disaster Risk reduction involves the lives of both men and women.

An effective disaster risk reduction program should have a gender perspective or else it will miss out on a big portion of the community which needs to be mobilized. The role of women must be transformed from being vulnerable victims to agents of change, movers and actors in preparing for disasters, reducing risks.

Why gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction?

"Development that is not engendered is endangered."

Disaster risk reduction is about reducing social vulnerabilities. To be effective, men and women should participate in decision-making processes with regards to preparedness and disaster risk reductions. If women are left out it can be a problem. Incorporating gender in disaster risk reduction strategies, programs and policies is a way of promoting sustainable development in communities.

Differential impact on men and women. The Gender and Climate Change website states: "Climate change is not a neutral process; first of all, women are in general more vulnerable to the effects of climate change, not least because they represent the majority of the world's poor and because they are more than proportionally dependent on natural resources that are threatened. The technological change and instruments that are being proposed to mitigate carbon emissions, which are implicitly presented as gender-neutral, are in fact quite gender biased and may negatively affect women or bypass them.

The negotiation process tends to be driven by a masculine view of the problem and its solutions. Participation of women in the whole process, at international, national and local levels, is very low, both in the South and in the North; probably skills and resources need to be developed to overcome this.

Gender, like poverty, is a cross cutting issue in climate change and needs to be recognized as such. In fact, gender and poverty are interrelated and create mutually reinforcing barriers to social change. There is a need to be strident to overcome the uninformed view of many involved in climate change that climate change is neutral, and real life examples are needed to make the alternative case clear and convincing." (Gender and Climate Change web site: <http://www.gencc.interconnection.org/about.htm>)

For example, women comprised the majority of those killed and who were least likely to recover in the 2005 Asian Tsunami. In Aceh, more than 75 percent of those who died were women, resulting in a male-female ratio of 3:1 among the survivors. As so many mothers died, there have been major consequences with respect to infant mortality, early marriage of girls, neglect of girls' education, sexual assault, trafficking in women, and prostitution. (In Gender aspects of climate change, Gender and Disaster Network, 2005/REF).

If action on climate change is partly about reducing vulnerability and building resilience, then it is important that vulnerable groups do not suffer disproportionately from its adverse effects. Women figure among such vulnerable groups. (Point de vue, Bulletin African Bioressources, Oct 2001)

Lack of women's participation. Women and environment experts have raised concern over the absence of women in the discourse and debate on climate change, a global mainstream issue that is currently impacting the entire world.

A document from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development states: "An overall assessment of the climate change debate to date shows women are patently absent in the decision-making process. Their contributions in environmental policies are largely ignored. Decision-making and policy formulation at environmental levels such as conservation, protection and rehabilitation, and environmental management are predominantly male agenda. The climate change debate is an indicator of how gender issues tend to be omitted, leaving room for complex market-driven notions equated in terms of emission reductions, fungibility and flexible mechanisms.

Nevertheless, in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development reflected in Agenda 21, one notes the key role ascribed to women as principle actors in the management of natural resources and the development of sustainable and ecologically sound policies. Perhaps the fact that there are few trained women environmental specialists tends to accentuate this gender deficit in environmental policy. Institutional weakness in women's organizations and under-representation informal decision-making are factors that lend to swing the pendulum away from their oft-valuable input."

Women can contribute to the solution. The involvement of women in areas of environmental management and governance should not be perceived as an afterthought. Women's roles are of considerable importance in the promotion of environmental ethics. Their efforts in waste management through recycling and re-use of resources are an indication of the extent of their significant input to community development. Women in rural areas, due to their daily contact with the natural habitat for the provision of food, fodder and wood, tend to have sound ecological knowledge that could be useful in environmental planning and governance.

For example, during a drought in the small islands of the Federal States of Micronesia, it was local women, knowledgeable about island hydrology as a result of land-based work, who were able to find potable water by digging a new well that reached the freshwater lens. ((In Gender aspects of climate change, Gender and Disaster Network, 2005/REF)

Women must understand and engage in mainstream issues. Gender must therefore be taken up as part and parcel of these issues. Women must understand therefore how women are affected by these as well as how women can become part of the solution. In this spirit, the **Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance** will be organized in October 19-22, 2008, and its focus **will be on gender and climate change.**

"Discussions on action to alleviate the impacts of climate change are not simply a scientific debate. It is about questioning the ability of countries and their peoples to anticipate and respond effectively to the adverse human and physical effects of climate change. From a livelihood perspective, poor communities are potentially the big losers in the scramble for markets within the overall emissions trading and climate policy debates. Thus, efforts must be devoted to creating a situation in which all stakeholders - *women included* - can derive some benefit. Measures should include the **demystification of the climate change issues** in order to generate popular consensus... It is about

creating opportunities that the poor could benefit from; giving them greater responsibility in environmental management; and creating environmentally friendly technologies that would generate revenue and jobs. “(Fatma Denton, Point de Vue, p. 2)

The **current imperative** is for women to understand the phenomenon of climate change and its impacts and implications at individual, household, community and national levels. “Studies show that women have a definite information deficit on climate politics and climate protection.” (Gender and Climate Change - a forgotten issue? In Tiempo Climate Newswatch)

Also, there is an **urgent need for political leaders and legislators to commit to creating an enabling environment for responding to climate change** and to address disaster risk reduction at a national and international level. More and more politicians and legislators have shown growing interest in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, but much of this has been concentrated in Europe. It is vitally important to extend the dialogue, and to involve legislators from different regions, especially those most vulnerable to the impact of disasters and climate change.⁶

2. Objectives of the Congress

Specifically, the Congress will have the following objectives:

Overall Purpose: To provide a forum for legislators and decision-makers in national governments and leaders at all levels in formulating gender-responsive legislation and programs related to gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction.

Specific Objectives:

- a) to understand the phenomenon of climate change, its impacts, and its implications and study the appropriate risk reduction strategy;
- b) to review and examine the gender aspects in climate change and disaster risk reduction and formulate appropriate actions to address these;
- c) to define the roles women can play in addressing the impacts of climate change and disaster risk reduction programs and policies at the global, national and sub-national levels; and
- d) to identify and define the action agenda for parliamentarians, policy advocates, and women leaders to support global and national actions to adapt gender responsive legislation and programs related to gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction.

3. Papers

The discussion on gender in climate change and disaster risk reduction will be organized around identifying the challenges to action, as well as defining the appropriate responses to effectively address the impacts of climate change as well as identifying gender responsive programs for effective disaster risk reduction. Inputs to the discussion will be collected and organized around: 1) geographic location; and 2) types of actions i.e. preparedness; risk reduction; building community resilience; adaptation; and mitigation. Cross cutting these discussions will be the identification of technologies in aid of responding to climate change.

The focus of the discussions will revolve around defining and elaborating actions (i.e. preparedness, disaster risk reduction, adaptation, and mitigation) to cope with climate change and its impacts.

⁶ The First Consultative Meeting of Parliamentarians for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, 21-23 April 2008, Manila, the Philippines, Concept Note, International Society for Disaster Reduction, 2008.

Preparedness and disaster risk reduction is about building individual and community capacities to position themselves and their communities so that the likelihood of climate change-induced disasters is reduced; the intensity or adverse impacts of disasters are cushioned and that inhabitants are able to respond promptly, expeditiously and effectively. Adaptation entails actions that moderate harm, or exploit benefits, of climate change. Mitigation entails actions that minimizes or cushions the adverse impacts of climate change.

In all of these actions, special attention will be given to defining how women and gender could be mainstreamed. In other words, the Congress should define how women can be given the social space to participate, influence, and benefit from global and local responses to climate change.

Proposed Plenary Papers

- Perspectives in Climate Change: Development Challenges and Ways Forward and Technologies for Clean Energy and Environment Management
- Gender and Climate Change: What Can Women Do About Climate Change? A Proposed Action Agenda
- Gender, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Legislation

Environment organizations and all the other participants are welcome to share papers for distribution during the congress. These papers should be emailed in advance so that they can be included in the CD of resource materials that will be distributed to the participants during the congress.

4. Proposed Program

Date and Time	Activity
Day 1, 19 October 2008 Sunday 700- 830	Registration
900 - 1200	Opening Ceremonies Welcome Remarks Messages from the Partners Keynote Addresses: Dr. Salvano Briceno Director, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (UN-ISDR) Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi Secretary General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
1200-1300	Lunch

1300-1700	PLENARY SESSION 1 Chair: United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) Gender in Climate Change Adaptation: Development Perspectives, Issues and Challenges • What is Climate Change Adaptation (UNEP/IPCCC) • Gender and Climate Change Adaptation, (Lorena Aguilar, IUCN) • Children and Climate Change Adaptation (Vanessa Tobin, UNICEF) Interactive Discussion Lunch
Day 2, 20 October 2008 Monday 830 - 1200	PLENARY SESSION 2: Chair: United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (UN-ISDR) Gender in Disaster Risk Reduction: Development Perspectives, Issues and Challenges Gender in Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction • The Challenge of Reducing Disaster Risks and the Hyogo Framework of Action (UN-ISDR) • Gender, Disaster Risk Reduction and Legislation (Cheryl Anderson) • Making Disaster Risk Reduction a Tool for Adapting to Climate Change: Outcomes of the UN-ISDR Consultative meeting of the Parliamentarians (Hon Senator Loren Legarda, Senate of the Republic of the Philippines, Chairperson and Co-Convenor) • The 2008-2009 World Reduction campaign of Hospitals Safe from Disasters (UN-ISDR and WHO) Interactive Discussion
1300-1700	PLENARY SESSION 3 Women in Politics and Governance in the era of Climate Change: Gender Responsive Legislation in aid of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: <i>Are women legislators engaged in the climate change responses and programs for disaster risk reduction?</i> • Dr Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development • Dr Jung Sook Kim, President, Center For Asia Pacific Women

	in Politics (CAPWIP), Progress of Women in Politics and Governance; Updates, Gaps and Areas for Further Action, CAPWIP • United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM) • Mainstreaming Gender and Women in Climate Change Responses through Legislation (Irene Dankelmann)
Day 3, 21 October 2008 Tuesday 9-12	Simultaneous Panels: Panel 1: Gender and Women's Involvement in Climate Change Adaptation (Organizer: UNDP) Panel 2: Hospitals Safe from Disasters: Reduce risk, protect health facilities, save lives (Organizer: UN-ISDR and WHO) Panel 3: Legislation on Gender in Climate Change Adaptation & Disaster Risk Reduction (Organizer: CAPWIP) Panel 4: Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Agriculture (Organizer: OXFAM) Panel 5: Climate Change Adaptation and Migration (Organizer: UNDP, Pacific)
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1700	REGIONAL WORKSHOPS: Setting A Legislative Agenda on Gender in Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction: Challenges and Actions Pacific South Asia/West Asia East Asia & Southeast Asia Africa Latin America and the Caribbean Europe North America (The Regional Workshops will be handled by various groups from the regions, such as UNDP, UN and others)
Day 4, 22 October 2008 Wednesday	PLENARY SESSION 4 Co- Chairs: Women in Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations - International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (UN-ISDR)

900-1200	REGIONAL WORKSHOP REPORTS Interactive Discussion
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1700	PLENARY SESSION 5 Synthesis and Integration Presentation of Call to Action - Manila Declaration on Gender in Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Signing of the Manila Declaration Closing Ceremonies: • CAPWIP • Representatives by geographic region Closing Address: (speakers and guests to be announced)
	International Night, Farewell Dinner

5. Knowledge Fair/Exhibition on Gender In Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

A knowledge fair/Exhibition on Gender in Climate Change/Disaster Risk Reduction will be organized at the venue of the Congress: the Dusit Hotel. Participating organizations are invited to exhibit their materials for display or for sale. Those who are interested should contact the secretariat to make their booth reservations. There will be minimal charges for the rental of the booth. This is aside from the space that will be made available for all organizations to display and distribute materials that you would like to share with the other participants.

6. Expected Output

Expected Output: Gender Responsive Legislative Agenda on Climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction

7. Who Can Join?

- Parliamentarians (House of Representatives and the Senate)
- Decision-Makers in National and local Governments
- Environment Organizations (governments, NGOs, Civil Society, National and International Agencies)
- Funding/donor organizations/agencies
- Members of media
- Youth Leaders
- Female and Male

8. Venue of the Congress:

The Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines
(www.dusit.com/hotels/philippines/manila/dusit_thani/index.html)

9. About the Organizer:

Global Network of Women in Politics

The **Global Network of Women in Politics** is a project of the **Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP)**. It is a loose network of organizations and individuals who are committed to the agenda of transformation in leadership, politics and communities.

This network is committed to be the forum for Women Parliamentarians to meet every two years and learn about relevant gender issues that will enable them to promote gender responsive legislation.

From the beginning, CAPWIP has recognized the need for broad international support to effectively promote women's participation in politics. The Center studied previous efforts to create a global network for WIP. They found that some of the factors that hindered the creation of an effective network were that efforts had been confined either to a small group of elite women or research institutes and/or that it had a narrow focus of interest. Realizing that CAPWIP has no real model for a global network, the group decided to work slowly toward this ultimate objective.

Time and again, CAPWIP took advantage of opportunities to talk about what it was doing. One such break was the 1994 Taipei Global Summit on Women's Leadership in Politics. The summit brought together women interested in WIP and key CAPWIP personalities, among them Supartra Masdit, Kanwaljit Soin, Sylvia Ordonez, Irene Santiago, Sochua Leiper, Annette Lu Hsiu Lien, Leticia Ramos Shahani, Kao Tien Shang, Anne Summers, and Solita Monsod. International luminaries included Bella Abzug, Monica Barnes, Joaquina Alemay, Betty Bigombe and Kazimiera Prunskiene. The group agreed to work towards forming a global network and to meet at the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for the Beijing World Conference to be held in New York in March 1995.

At the PrepCom, CAPWIP posted its invitation for a "Planning Workshop for the Preparatory Activities in Beijing for the Organization of the Global Network of Women in Politics." Hosted by the African-American Institute, the 17 March workshop was attended by a large group of women which included: Christine Pintat (Inter Parliamentary Union); Anita Amlen (Swedish Federation of Liberal Women); Jytee Lindgard (National Council of Women in Denmark); Sdalwa Sharawy Gomaa (Social Research Center, Egypt); Malena de Montis (Centro Para La Participacion Democratica y El Desarrollo, Nicaragua); Nadia Raveles (Women's Parliament Forum, Surinam); Dr. Pam Rajput (Punjab University); Slote Wananisan (Fiji Mission to the UN); Dr. Ilina Sen; Nandini Asad (Working Women's Forum, India), and Ayesha Khanam (Bangladesh Mahila Parishad). The African-American Institute, which had planned a WIP meeting in Botswana, later, hosted the Planning Meeting for the Global Network of WIP held in Beijing.

Several steering committees were formed that would produce Regional WIP Platforms for Action for the Beijing Women's Conference. Focal points were established for the different regions: Nadia Raveles for Africa, Jytee Lindgard for Europe-North America, CAPWIP for Asia-Pacific, Salwa Gomaa for West Asia, and Malena de Montis for Latin America-Caribbean.

It was also agreed that a Global Network of Women in Politics (GLOBALNET) would be organized with CAPWIP serving as the permanent secretariat. In 1995, GLOBALNET was formally incorporated with CAPWIP serving as the permanent secretariat.

Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP)

The **CENTER FOR ASIA-PACIFIC WOMEN IN POLITICS (CAPWIP)** is a non-partisan, non-profit and non-governmental regional organization dedicated to promoting equal participation of women in politics, governance and decision-making. CAPWIP was established in 1992 by a group of women from the Asia-Pacific region who have defined their paradigm for change as:

Politics that is both TRANSFORMED and TRANSFORMATIONAL.

TRANSFORMED because...

it uses power to create change, to develop people,
and to build communities;

it is non-hierarchical and participatory in its
structures and processes; and

it accords priority to the disadvantaged sectors,
such as the poor grassroots women in rural and
urban areas and indigenous women;

TRANSFORMATIONAL because...

it is development-oriented, issue-based,
and gender-responsive;

it seeks economic, social, and political equity between sexes
and among sectors; and

it builds a society that is just and humane and
a way of life that is sustainable.

CAPWIP operates through a network of national affiliates clustered into five sub-regional groupings: Central Asia, East Asia, Pacific, South Asia and Southeast Asia. These sub-regional coordinating focal points and national affiliates are autonomous organizations actively involved in women's political empowerment in their respective countries.

CAPWIP supports its network through technical assistance in organizational and program planning, training, research and information sharing, advocacy and networking. CAPWIP receives administrative and program support through voluntary contributions from its board members and grants from bilateral and multilateral aid agencies such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Asia-Pacific Gender Equality Network (UNDP-APGEN), Regional Programme on Governance in the Asia-Pacific (UNDP-PARAGON), Southeast Asia Gender Equity Programme of the Canadian International Development Agency (SEAGEP-CIDA), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

CAPWIP's programs on training include developing modules and training programs for women's leadership and responsible citizenship based on the framework of transformative leadership and conducts trainer's training for women's political empowerment, transformative leadership and gender-responsive governance.

The **CAPWIP Institute for Gender, Governance and Leadership (CIGGL)** aims to provide trainings to women and men involved in:

- Electoral politics (in all levels: national, provincial, city/municipality)
- The bureaucracy (in all levels: national, provincial, city/municipality)
- Political parties (officials and members)

- Training institutes (government, private sectors and non-government)
- The development of governance policies, programs and projects
- Working with NGOs, civil society groups interested in gender, governance and leadership;
- or
- Women and men who are simply interested in the question of gender, governance and leadership

10. Secretariat

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11. Congress Cost per participant

With Hotel (Live IN)

- *Congress Cost Per participant with Twin Sharing Accommodation:*
One thousand five hundred fifty US Dollars (US\$ 1,550)

- *Congress Cost Per participant with Single Room Accommodation:*
One thousand nine hundred fifty US Dollars (US\$ 1,950)

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All participants must confirm their attendance on or before September 15, 2008. If we get fully booked before this date, you will be informed. This is the reason why you are all encouraged to book as early as possible. All accommodation types are available on a first-come first-served basis. If you are alone and you would like to request for a twin accommodation, we will inform you if we can pair you with another participant, otherwise, you may have to pay for a single room. Please send all registration forms to:

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Accommodations beyond the congress period can be arranged. Participants will have to pay for the hotel charges in advance to secure the booking. These will also be remitted to the CAPWIP account.

12. Congress Schedule: 19-22 October 2008

For Live in Foreign participants: The Congress is scheduled on **October 19-22, 2008**. Participants are ***required to arrive one day before (Oct. 18)*** the start of the Congress and ***leave the day after the last Congress day (Oct 23, 2008)***. This fee only includes the accommodation for the **Oct 18, 2008** all meals for October 18 is for the personal account of the participants. Depending on your departure schedule, all meals for the October 23, 2008 except for the breakfast will be on the personal account of the participants. Meals for personal account of the participants will have to be paid in cash every time you incur them at the hotel. Charging of personal accounts in restaurant outlets of the hotel will not be allowed.

13. Medium of Instructions

English is the medium of Instruction. No translation will be available.

14. Congress Venue

The Dusit Thani Hotel
Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines

15. Accommodations

For the Live in participants, the accommodation will be booked at the Congress venue (Dusit Thani Hotel) and other hotels in the same vicinity, all within walking distance from the Congress venue. For purposes of organization, the assignment of the hotels will be on a "first come first served" basis. The first that will confirm and pay their fees will be given accommodations at the hotel venue.

16. Food

The following meals, LUNCH, SNACK and DINNER, will be served at the Dusit Thani Hotel. Breakfast will be served at your respective hotels (if you happen to be billeted at a hotel other than the official venue of the congress). We will be serving a variety of international dishes. We will also be serving one "halal" dish and one vegetarian dish with every meal.

17. Registration Form

Please fill up the Registration form found in this document and email it back to us together with the following documents:

- Latest Curriculum Vitae or Bio Data
- Latest electronic Photo (2x2)
- One (1) page narrative describing your reason/s for participation

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Name _____ Sex () female () male

Designation _____ organization _____

Educational background _____

Address _____

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Website: _____

who is funding your participation? _____ How did you come to know about this congress? _____

Seminars/Trainings/congresses attended related to gender, governance, climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction:

What do you expect to learn or achieve from this Congress?

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Accommodations

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- ☐ Single Room accommodations (US Dollars US\$ 1,950. per person)

Flight details and Information:

Please specify expected dates of arrival and departure from the Philippines (if available)

Arrival: (date) _____ (time) _____ (airline & flight details) _____
Departure :(date) _____ (time) _____ (airline & Flt details) _____

Special Dietary Requests:
