



## Shaping the International Agenda:

### Raising Women's Voices in Intergovernmental Forums

PANEL and LAUNCH of PUBLICATION

2 May 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Conference Room 12

United Nations Headquarters

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Organizer: UN-Women

The event will mark the launch of the publication “Shaping the international agenda: Raising women’s voices in intergovernmental forums” produced by UN-Women, the United Nations Office at Geneva and the International Gender Champions. The publication aims to build knowledge on women’s participation and leadership in meetings of international organizations’ governing bodies and is based on responses to a questionnaire addressed to members of the United Nations Governing Bodies Secretariat (UNGBS) and of the International Gender Champions–Geneva in late 2016.

The panel on **Raising Women’s Voices in Intergovernmental Forums** gathers leading figures in the intergovernmental arena to bring greater visibility to the imperative of promoting women’s participation and achieving gender balance in intergovernmental decision-making forums and processes. In an interactive discussion, participants may intervene to share their experiences – either in the form of best practices or gaps/challenges in increasing women’s participation in international conferences and governing bodies’ delegations. The panel and the participants may also address the specific recommendations contained in the publication.

#### DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Introduction and Chair:** President of UN-Women’s Executive Board H.E. Ms. Lana Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations

**Keynote address:** President of the General Assembly H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson

**Presentation of the publication’s key findings:** UN-Women Deputy Executive Director Ms. Lakshmi Puri

#### **Other guests:**

H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations representing the International Gender Champions – New York

H.E. Ms. Laura Elena Flores Herrera, Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations representing the Group of Friends for Gender Parity

#### **Interventions from the floor**

**Closing remarks** by Chair (summary of discussion)