

# Parliamentarians' reception and gala dinner

**Sunday, 9 September**

By special invitation, parliamentarians may attend a welcome reception and formal gala dinner on the evening before the conference in the Dublin Castle State Apartments.

The President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, will be the guest of honour and will address the delegates.

The dinner will be hosted by Seán Ó Fearghail TD, Ceann Comhairle (Speaker of the House) and will run from 6pm until 10pm.

## Programme

**Monday, 10 September**

- 8.00am     **Registration**  
Hibernia Conference Centre, Dublin Castle  
Tea/Coffee
- 9.00am     **Welcome and introduction**  
Catherine Martin TD Chair of the Irish Women's Parliamentary Caucus
- 9.15am     **Women in leadership**  
  
Introduced by Senator Ivana Bacik  
Speaker **To be announced**  
First respondent **To be announced**  
Questions and answers
- 10.30am    **Opening address**  
  
Introduced by Catherine Martin TD  
  
Leo Varadkar TD Taoiseach (Prime Minister of Ireland)
- 11.00am    **Tea/Coffee**  
  
Opportunity for informal discussions on three themes:
- Social media Jason Kiernan
  - Gender quotas Fiona Buckley
  - Herstory Melanie Lynch
- 11.30am    **Women in society and politics today, challenges and opportunities**  
  
Introduced by Marcella Corcoran Kennedy TD Deputy chair of the Irish Women's Parliamentary Caucus  
Speaker Professor Mary Beard

First respondent **Professor Mary McAuliffe**  
Questions and answers

12.45pm **Family photo**

1.00pm **Lunch**  
Castle Hall, **Dublin Castle State Apartments**

2.15pm **Our vision for women in 2118**

Introduced by **Fiona O'Loughlin TD**  
Moderator **Martina Devlin**  
Panellists to be confirmed

3.30pm **Break-out sessions**

**Room 1 European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) gender sensitive  
parliaments tool**

**Room 2 Deliberative democracy as a process Ms Justice Mary Laffoy**

**Room 3 Impact of caucuses worldwide Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)  
Dublin Castle Declaration, Women in Politics 2118**

4.30pm

Proposals for action and agreement by congress delegates  
Introduced by **Catherine Martin TD**

**Discussion on learning and achievements**

Contributions from the floor  
Introduced by **Senator Colette Kelleher**

6.00pm **Concludes**