



## **59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

The Permanent Missions of Algeria, Australia, Chile and Switzerland to the UN, in cooperation with UN Women and IPU

are pleased to invite you to a

### **High-Level Side Event on Women in Political Leadership Achieving Equality in Political Decision-Making**

**Monday, 9 March 2015, 3:00 - 4:15 pm**

**DHL Auditorium - Dag Hammarskjöld Library, UNHQ**

#### **Panelists**

- H.E. Ms Mounia Meslem Si Amer, Minister of National Solidarity, Family and the Status of Women, Algeria
- Senator The Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women, Australia
- H.E. Ms Claudia Pascual, Minister-Director of the National Women's Service (SERNAM), Chile
- H. E. Ms Corine Mauch, Mayor of the City of Zurich, Switzerland
- H.E. Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women
- Mr Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

#### **Moderator**

- H.E. Mr. Benno Böttig, Secretary-General, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

The objective of the event is to highlight the importance of gender equality and leadership of women in high-level political positions. It will elaborate on women's empowerment as well as diversity in decision-making in general to make sure women's specific needs are included in policy-making and legislation. Challenges as well as means and measures to achieve a higher proportion of women in politics are addressed, also against the background of the post-2015 agenda.

**Kindly RSVP by Friday, 6 March 2015** to [ptg@eda.admin.ch](mailto:ptg@eda.admin.ch).

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