

# #UNSTOPPABLE: Regional Conference on Women and Leadership

February 20 to 23, 2023  
Hotel Maritim Plaza, Tirana

- Fostering equal access to leadership in business, government, and non-profit organizations within the Western Balkans, Visegrad regions, and beyond, also supporting and expanding initiatives that promote equal access for women and men in decision making and development processes.
- Bringing to Tirana over 120 participants including over 40 speakers' men and women around the region and beyond representing governments, NGOs, the business community, media, and other development partners.
- Western Balkans Fund hosts the conference supported by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, International Visegrad Fund.

## Structure and Topics of Discussions:

20 February 2023		Time	Room
<b>Welcoming remarks</b>			
Led by Mr. Blendi Salaj	Mr. Gjergj Murra, Executive Director of WBF Ms. Olta Xhacker, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Albania Ms. Maja Wawrzyk, Deputy Executive Director of IVF Mr. Takada Mitsuyuki, Japanese Ambassador in Tirana (Video Message)	18:00	Queen Geraldine
	Family Photography		
	Welcoming Reception	19:00	Queen Geraldine
21 February 2023		Time	Room
<b>Rising Up: The Science behind Lasting Leadership</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration of Participants</li> </ul>	09:00	In front of Queen Geraldine Room
Led by Mr. Blendi Salaj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Edita Gjonaj – Deputy Chair of European Integration Parliamentary Committee, Albania</li> <li>Ms. Fatmire Isaki – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs North Macedonia</li> <li>Ms. Maja Wawrzyk – Deputy Executive Director IVF</li> <li>Ms. Liza Gashi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora in Kosovo*</li> <li>Mr. Gavan Patrick Gray, Tsuda University, Tokyo</li> <li>Ms. Maja Raicevic – Executive Director of Women's Rights Center, Montenegro</li> <li>Ms. Violeta Jovanovic – Executive Director of NALED</li> </ul>	10:30 12:30	Queen Geraldine
<b>Meet Up Session</b>			
<b>Be the change!</b>		Time	Room
Facilitated by: Edlira Gjoni, Kaltrina Ajeti, Tanja Tomikj, Amra Smriko	Meet up session is organized by 4 facilitators in a World Café methodology that will host large group dialogue.	12:30 13:30	Queen Geraldine open space
<b>NOTE* Coffee will be served during the session</b>			
<b>Joint Lunch</b>		13:30 – 15:00	
<b>Mentoring Sessions</b>		Time	Room
By Jelena Markovic – SmartChange	<b>Pitching for Success</b> - How to develop your Leadership Pitch		
			15:00
By Michael Frassine – LABA University	<b>Personal Branding</b> - The Ultimate Way to Success		
			17:00

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

By Ivona Gvozdenovic – Vlade Divac Foundation		<b>Negotiate like a Real Leader</b> – How does gender changes the negotiation (Queen Geraldine Room)	
<b>Joint Dinner</b>		<b>19:00 - 21:00</b>	
<b>22 February 2023</b>	<b>Women as a Catalyst for Democratic Change</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Led by: Sanja Lazic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Christiane Hohmann - EU Ambassador to Albania</li> <li>H.E. Ruth Huber - Swiss Ambassador to Albania</li> <li>Ms. Valdete Idrizi – Director of Culture, Youth and Sports in Municipality of Mitrovica</li> <li>Ms. Veronika Skoupa, Forum2000</li> <li>Mr. Petrit Selimi – Millennium Foundation</li> <li>Ms. Magdalena Jakubowska – Visegrad Insight</li> <li>Ms. Aida Corovic, Belgrade, Serbia</li> </ol>	09:30 11:30	Queen Geraldine
	o Coffee and Socializing break for 30 minutes	11:30 – 12:00	
<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Exclusive Circle</b>	<b>Time</b>	
Led by: Ksenija Vukmirovic	<b>Financial Literacy and its impact in gender equality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rafaela Rica &amp; Maja Aleksic</li> </ul>	(Marin Barleti Room)	
Led by: Valbona Dedja	<b>Gender Equality, Peace and Security</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zorana Antonojevic &amp; Ramadan Ilazi</li> </ul>	(Dora D'Istria Room)	
Led by: Dafina Beqiri	<b>Combating Sexist Hate Speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valbona Sulce &amp; Gavan Patrick Gray</li> </ul>	(Queen Geraldine Room)	
<b>Joint Lunch</b>		<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	
<b>Leading our way!</b>	<b>Young Leaders Take the Stage</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Led by: Azem Kurtic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Katarina Popovic – Alumni of Japan Aviation School</li> <li>Mr. Ferid Murseli – Democracy for Development</li> <li>Ms. Ania Sauku – Albanian Youth Delegate to the United Nations</li> <li>Mr. Dimitrije Jovicevic – Connect International</li> <li>Ms. Domenika Vondrackova, Youth SpeakUp</li> <li>Mr. Ognen Janeski – No Hate Speech Ambassador for Western Balkans</li> </ul>	15:30 17:00	Queen Geraldine
<b>Story Telling</b>	<b>My Authentic Story</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Led by: Ognen Janeski	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Edita Tahiri – Former Deputy Prime Minister</li> <li>Ms. Elizabeta Imeraj, Prosecutor</li> <li>Ms. Belma Alispahic, Entrepreneur</li> <li>Mr. Filip Vulovic, Human Rights Activist</li> <li><b>BREAK</b></li> <li>Ms. Selma Lacic, Lawyer</li> <li>Ms. Marta Lempart, All-Poland Women’s Strike</li> <li>Ms. Rudina Collaku, Women Center for Development and Culture</li> <li>Mr. Marko Mihajlovic, Human Rights Activist</li> </ol>	18:00 20:00	Queen Geraldine
<b>Joint Dinner</b>		<b>20:00 - 22:00</b>	
<b>23 February 2023</b>	<b>What remained with us? Impressions, Similarities &amp; Challenges</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
Led by Fjordi Bisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Jovanka Visekruna-Jankovic, ArtLink</li> <li>Ms. Tanja Tomich, North Macedonia</li> <li>Ms. Amra Smriko – Women’s Block</li> <li>Ms. Alba Cela, AIIS</li> <li>Ms. Monika Kociova, Center for International Enterprise</li> <li>Ms. Dafina Beqiri, WBF</li> </ul>	09:30 11:00	Queen Geraldine

	What do we do next? Institutional and Donor Views on equal participation	Time	Room
Led by Uros Citakovic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Morikawa Hiroko – Embassy of Japan to Tirana</li> <li>• Ms. Ksenija Vukmirovic – WBF</li> <li>• Mr. Klodian Seferaj, Open Society</li> <li>• Ms. Evisi Kopliku – Regional Cooperation Council</li> <li>• Mr. Michele Ribota – UN Women</li> <li>• Mr. Denis Piplas – Deputy Secretary General, RYCO</li> </ul>	11:30 13:00	Queen Geraldine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Remarks by organizers</li> </ul>			
<b>Joint Lunch and departure of participants</b>		<b>13:00 - 15:00</b>	