



Seventeenth Annual Washington Seminar
Women & International Policy
May 23 - 27, 2011

Schedule of Events

Monday, May 23

Fordham Institute, 1016 16th Street NW, 7th Floor

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Registration and Introductions

*Opening Statement from **Pamela O’Leary**, Executive Director of PLEN*

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Resume Workshop ***Bring your resumes***

Abigail Collazo, Turner Strategies
Kristin Haffert, Haffert Global (PLEN Alumna;
PLEN Board of Directors)
Whitney Hicks, Community of Hope (PLEN
Alumna)
Ashley Horne, National Council of Women’s
Organizations

Pamela O’Leary, PLEN
Carla Reed, America’s Promise Alliance
Katayoun Shahrokhi, formerly Brazil-U.S.
Business Council
Jen Stange, Service Employees International Union
(PLEN Alumna; PLEN Board of Directors)

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

A Conversation with Women in International Affairs

Sarah Craven, Chief, Washington, DC Office, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Jennifer Redner, U.S. Policy Consultant, International Women’s Health Coalition
Peggy Cifrino, Principal Assistant to General Colin Powell

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Social, *Bravo Bravo, 1001 Connecticut Ave, NW*

Tuesday, May 24

Global Health & Education Track

Eisenhower Institute, 818 Connecticut Ave, NW, 8th Floor

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Health Solutions for Women & Children in the Developing World

Ann Warner, Gender and Policy Specialist, International Center for Research on Women
Debra Prosnitz, Program Associate, PVO/NGO Support, ICF Macro, Maternal and Child
Health Integrated Program

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Empowering Local Communities to Achieve Goals in Health & Education

Elaine Zuckerman, President and Founder, Gender Action
Gretchen Bachmann, Senior Advisor, PEPFAR

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Break for lunch provided by PLEN

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Enhancing Global Education: Challenges & Strategies

Ambassador Robin R. Sanders, International Affairs Advisor & Communication and Outreach
Director, Africare
Dr. Maureen Lewis, Chief Economist, Human Development Network, the World Bank
Michelle Ward-Brent, Senior Education Analyst, RTI International

Schedule for Human Rights Track

- Fordham Institute, 1016 16th Street NW, 7th Floor*
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Human Rights and Labor: The Rights of Workers**
Angie Peltzer, International Relations Officer, Department of Labor
Judy Gearhart, Executive Director, International Labor Rights Forum
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Safeguarding Women's Rights: Confronting Gender-Based Violence**
Christie Edwards, Program Coordinator, Middle East and North Africa, Vital Voices
Sylvie Maunga, Consultant in Peace Building and Sexual Violence against Women, Great Lakes Region
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Break for lunch provided by PLEN
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **The Role of Advocacy and Public Awareness in Human Rights Issues**
Evelyn Thornton, CEO, Institute for Inclusive Security
Barbara Ferris, Founder and President, International Women's Democracy Center
Kathy McKiernan, Global Director of Strategic Communications and Marketing, One Campaign
- Site Visits** Winrock International (4:00 pm); the World Bank, Education Unit (3:30 pm); Accordia Global Health Foundation (3:00 pm); International Association of Women Judges (3:00 pm); World Food Programme (3:00 pm); Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (3:30 pm); The Fund for Global Human Rights (4:00 pm)
- Wednesday, May 25** **Visit to the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, 23rd St. Bring photo ID**
- 8:15 a.m. Depart Hotel and take metro to U.S. State Department
- 9:00 a.m. Assemble at the U.S. Department of State. Security entrance 23rd between C & D St. *You must be there by 9 a.m. to go through security and be admitted as a group. **Any late arrivals will not be admitted.***
- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. **U.S. Policy toward China**
Laura Rosenberger, Chief, Bilateral Political Affairs Unit, Bureau of East Asian Pacific Affairs
- 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. **U.S. Government-Sponsored International Exchange Programs**
Alina Romanowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m. **Department Efforts to Support U.S. Business Overseas**
Kimberly Bell, Foreign Affairs Officer, Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. **Student Programs and Career Opportunities within the State Department**
Ramona Harper, Foreign Service Recruiter, Bureau of Human Resources
- 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch and Break
- 3:00 p.m. Meet at Dupont Circle Metro to Depart for Embassy of Denmark
- 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. **Visit to Embassy of Denmark, 3200 Whitehaven Street, NW**
- Thursday, May 26** **Capitol Hill Day**
- Site Visits** National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (10:00 am); USAID Global Health Fellow Program (10:00 am); USAID Conflict Management and Mitigation (11:00 am); Amnesty International (10:00 am); American Enterprise Institute (10:00 am)
- 1:30 p.m. Meet in Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2168 ("The Gold Room")
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm **U.S. Policy toward Human Rights Abuses**
Kathryn Cameron Porter, President, Leadership Council for Human Rights

- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ***Women and International Corporations***
Monique Frazier, Vice President and Director of Federal Government Relations, HSBC-North America
Laura Lane, Managing Director and Head International Government Affairs, Citigroup
- 4:15 p.m. Meet in Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 419
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. ***Panel: Implications of the Middle East Revolutions for U.S. Policy***
Laura Dean, Legislative Assistant, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Robin Lerner, Legislative Assistant, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Networking Reception, Stewart Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave, NE**

Friday, May 27

- 8:30 a.m. *Checkout of hotel and Depart for Fordham Institute, 1016 16th Street NW, 7th Floor*
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. *Debriefing and Discussion with PLEN staff*
- 10:00 am – 11:00 a.m. ***Salary Negotiation 101***
Alyssa Best, Career Coach
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ***Panel Discussion: Preparing for Your Career in International Relations***
Bonnie Wilson, PhD, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
Mariana C. Maguire, Masters Candidate, School of Continuing Studies, Georgetown University
Molly Chidester, Research Assistant, Brookings Institution; former Fulbright Fellow