

Taking the next step: fearless, graceful and together

**W.I.N. Global Forum in Oslo**  
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W.I.N. will be holding its 10th Global Leadership Forum in Oslo, Norway, from September 27 - 29, 2007. The theme of the three-day forum is "Taking the next step: fearless, graceful and together." In this special anniversary edition that will mark its 10-year long journey, W.I.N. aims to give participants a chance to stop and reflect while staking out a path on which to take the next step.

After Milan, Geneva and Rome, W.I.N. has chosen Oslo as its host for its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Norway offers participants a chance to learn from a society that is modern, egalitarian and progressive in its attitude to women in politics and corporations. The country is technologically advanced and has a thriving economy: it possesses the second highest GDP per capita, has obtained one of the highest standards of living in the world and a very low unemployment rate (currently below 3%). The average hourly wages in Norway are among the highest in the world, the pension fund has become the largest fund in Europe and the parental leave schemes and day care are among the best in the world.

Norway is one of the best places in the world to live and work according to studies by both the UN and World Economic Forum. In the last two decades, no Norwegian Government has been formed with less than 40% women. In 2004, it became mandatory for the boards of state-owned companies to have a minimum of 40% representation of each gender. Close to 60% of all students pursuing higher education are women.

W.I.N. global forums are designed by women for women and men and focus on how to lead, act and be authentic by applying skills, knowledge, intuition and empathy. The forums look at how to run companies, institutions and organizations within the new balanced paradigm.

W.I.N. 2007 will bring together an impressive network of leaders: outstanding executives, entrepreneurs, independent professionals, consultants, representatives of international organizations or government bodies, academics and artists from around the globe.

The forum provides the visions, environment, strategies, skills and network that are crucial to reach for success. *Driving change, articulating and implementing visions, developing strategies and skills for action, doing it all and doing it right, growing as a company and as individuals* are the main topics that will be explored in eight panel sessions and close to fifty workshops.

In 2006 the W.I.N. Forum was held in Rome, Italy, and attracted more than 500 women from 70 countries; 58% were corporate executives, 27% small business owners and entrepreneurs, 8% professionals - doctors, lawyers, academics, artists, journalists and 7% politicians, international servants, NGOs. W.I.N. is an independent, European, mission-driven organization with a global impact. It is run by a team of professionals and supported by a large group of volunteers all inspired by the well-being and progress of our global society.

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