

W.I.N. - 10 years of inspiring women

*W.I.N. Global Forum in Oslo
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Switzerland, 12 July 2007 - W.I.N. (Women's International Networking) will hold its 10th Global Leadership Forum in Oslo, Norway, from September 27 - 29, 2007. This year's conference will focus on the theme "Taking the next step: fearless, graceful and together" by connecting and empowering women leaders from politicians and entrepreneurs to academics and artists from all around the world. As the 10th anniversary of the W.I.N. Forum, the 2007 gathering will mark a decade of driving women's business success and ambition and in supporting them to reach their full potential.

The prestigious W.I.N. Forum is designed by women for women and men and provides a platform to discuss visions, strategies and skills needed to build strong leadership and succeed in today's world. According to Kristin Engvig, founder and organiser of W.I.N., "Women embody the power to influence, decide, lead and evoke change. At the W.I.N. Forum we discuss how to lead with grace while remaining intuitive, emphatic and true to ourselves."

The 2007 program will examine how women can better manage companies, institutions and organisations in today's world. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in eight different panel sessions and fifty workshops covering topics such as *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*. In addition, a press conference will be held on 27 September with key speakers and W.I.N. founder Kristin Engvig.

Speakers will include HP, IBM, Shell and other global corporations as well as NGOs, government bodies and opinion leaders who are fully supportive of W.I.N.'s winning formula. These organisations are leading examples of workplace diversity and inclusion and will be able to share their experiences and best practices.

About W.I.N.

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 playing a role in shaping the future. In 2006, the W.I.N. Forum was held in Rome, Italy, and attracted close to 600 women from 70 countries including corporate executives, small business owners and entrepreneurs, professionals (doctors, lawyers, academics, artists, journalists, politicians, and NGOs).

About Oslo, Norway

Following previous events in Milan, Geneva and Rome, the W.I.N. Forum has chosen Oslo as its host for its 10th year anniversary. Norway offers participants a chance to learn from a society that is modern, egalitarian and progressive in its attitudes towards women in politics and business. The country is technologically advanced and has a thriving economy.

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. Since 2004, it is 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.

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