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1325 NETWORK FINLAND

THE COALITION OF FINNISH WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS (NYTKIS RY)

## **NORTH TO NORTH – WOMEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE**

29.09.2011 at 09:00–17:30

The House of the Estates, Snellmaninkatu 9–11, Helsinki

09:00 **Coffee**

09:30 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

**Welcome:** Henna Virkkunen, Minister of Public Administration and Local Government

**Opening speech:** President of the Republic of Finland Tarja Halonen

10:00 **HIGH LEVEL PANEL**

**Chair:** Leena Reikko, Journalist

Lilia Labidi, Minister of Women Affairs, Tunisia

Professor Tuomo Melasuo, Research Director, Tampere Peace Research Institute

Professor Helena Ranta, Chairperson, National Committee for UN Women in Finland

11:00 **Discussion**

11:20 **Short break**

11:30 **I SESSION – WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

**Chair:** Leena Reikko, Journalist

**Introduction:** Johanna Pakkanen, NYTKIS ry

Independent activist from Syria

Maj-Britt Theorin, Chairperson, Operation 1325, Sweden

**Comment:** Marianne Laxén, Chairperson, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Finnish Section

Discussion

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **II SESSION – WOMEN AND PEACE MEDIATION**

**Chair:** Terhi Nieminen-Mäkynen, Chairperson, 1325 Network Finland

Dr. Pirjo Jukarainen, Researcher, Tampere Peace Research Institute

Juliette Touma, Public Information Officer at United Nations (Iraq, Palestine and Libya)

Sidsel Aas, Independent Consultant, Norway

Discussion

15:30 **Coffee break**

15:50 **III SESSION – WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

**Chair:** Leena Reikko, Journalist

**Introduction:** Satu Haapanen, MP (The Greens), STETE’s board member

Pauliina Parhiala, Executive Director, Finn Church Aid

Dr. Fatima Roumate, Teacher – Researcher of Public Law at the University Mohammed V Agdal – Rabat, Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Morocco

Discussion

17:20 **Closing of the conference:** Heidi Hautala, Minister for International Development

