



WEEK OF WOMEN

Week of Women in Kosovo 2012

March 20-24, 2012

What is the Week of Women in Kosovo?

The Week of Women is an event that is going to gather women from all silos where they can discuss, identify and get exposed to all ways that will make their position in the society grow and more visible. The Week of Women will invite future women leaders from all segments of society to participate in a week-long academy where they can discuss, learn and identify skills and techniques to become more effective in their chosen field.

Who will participate at this event?

At this event will participate one hundred (100) women representing the political parties, Parliament, Government, Local Government, Media, Academy, Civil Society and Business. The Week of Women in Kosovo will reflect also the participation of all regions of Kosovo, cross ethnicity and generations.

Where will take place the Week of Women?

The Week of Women in Kosovo will take place in Prishtina at Swiss Diamond Hotel and in American University of Kosovo (AUK). For more details please consult our Agenda and our web-site www.weekofwomen.org.



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Did you know that...?

Women hold only 17% of the seats in the United States Congress. *Source WCF Foundation.*

About one-third of women in U.S say that someone tried to discourage them from running—most often an officeholder or political party official. *Source WCF Foundation*

Rwanda now has the world's highest proportion of female members of parliament. Following elections in October 2003, 48.8% of Rwanda's MPs are women, says the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Sweden, where 45% of MPs are women, has been the long-standing leader of the IPU ranking of women in parliament. *Source: BBC News*

Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Iceland, Netherlands and Germany had all reached the 30% goal of Parliamentary seats taken by women by the end of 2002 along with Argentina, Costa Rica, South Africa and Mozambique. According to UNIFEM's Progress Report of the World's Women 2002, these states had met the target through quota systems. Despite these gains, however women still accounted for only about 14% of members of parliament worldwide in 2002. *Source BBC News.*

On May 2003 Qatar appointed Sheikha bint Ahmed Al Mahmud as the Gulf state's first woman cabinet minister. The appointment followed on April 29 referendum in which Qataris overwhelmingly approved a written constitution recognising a woman's right to vote and run for office. *Source WCF Foundation*

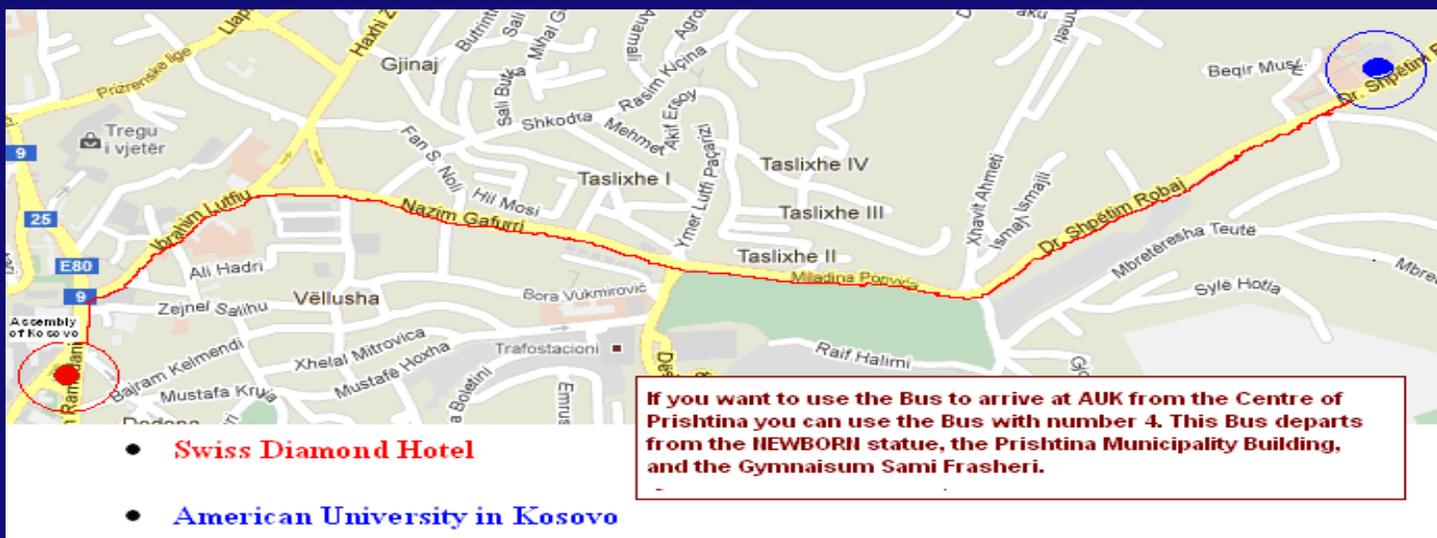
Austria was the only State to have elected a woman to the presidency of one of the Parliament's Chambers (the Bundesrat) before the Second World War. *Source WCF Foundation*

In 1995, Sweden became the first country to have an equal number of women and men in ministerial posts. At the present however the Swedish cabinet is below parity with 43% women ministers. Only 7% of the world's total cabinet ministers are women. *Source WCF Foundation*

In 1893, New Zealand became the first nation to grant women full voting rights. Among the countries in the developing world that were the earliest to grant women the right to vote were: Finland (1906), Albania (1920), Mongolia (1924), Ecuador (1929), Turkey (1930), Sri Lanka (1931). *Source WCF Foundation*

Only 1% of the world's economic assets are in the name of women. *Source WCF Foundation*

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