

27 January 2016

Dr. Leslie Cannold
Melbourne, Australia

Dear Dr. Cannold,

I am honored to formally invite you to participate in the plenary program of the fourth global Women Deliver 2016 Conference, to be held in Copenhagen 16-19 May 2016. We'd very much like you to provide a short presentation in a plenary called To The Point (TTP), which is modeled on TED Talks. Our TTP presentations are a short 10-minutes. We'd like you to focus on abortion stigma. Your TED Talk on the topic was riveting.

Your presentation would be on 19 May in a set of talks focused on sexual and reproductive health. Speakers include Fulata Moyo of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians; Director-General of IPPF Tewodros Melesse; and Michael Kimmel, Founding Editor of Men and Masculinities, on men and gender equality.

To help you decide, let me tell you a bit about the Conference. It will be the largest gathering on girls' and women's health, rights and wellbeing in the last decade. The Conference comes at a critical moment in history. As one of the first major global meetings following the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it is an ideal opportunity to hone in on how to implement the SDGs so they matter most for girls and women. Women Deliver sessions will focus on women's economic development, education, violence against women and girls, gender equality, the environment and health with a special emphasis on maternal, sexual and reproductive health and rights. The concerns and contributions of young people and the human rights of all will be cross-cutting issues.


We are pleased to report the confirmed participation of Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen of Denmark; public intellectual and statistician Dr. Hans Rosling; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Tawakkol Karman; Sakena Yacoobi, Executive Director and President of the Afghan Institute of Learning; abortion provider Willie Parker; former Prime Minister of Australia Julia Gillard; Regina Tamés of GIRE; philanthropist and performer Yvonne Chaka Chaka; Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark; UN agency heads including Margaret Chan of WHO and Anthony Lake of UNICEF; as well as Melinda Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among others. Further information can be found at www.wd2016.org.

While your presentation will be short, I'm hoping the opportunity to hear from and network with colleagues will be an incentive. Women Deliver will cover your expenses, including business class airfare.

We hope you can join us and add your wit and wisdom to the proceedings. Upon confirmation of your participation, the Women Deliver team will address and work with you and your staff as needed.

We look forward to a prompt and positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill W. Sheffield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jill" being more prominent.

Jill W. Sheffield, President
Women Deliver