



*Foro de Mujeres contra la Corrupción*

## **Women's Rights and Corruption**

First World Forum of Women against Corruption  
and  
Second Global Forum of Political Leaders

Centro Cultural San Martín  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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## **MAIN GOAL**

To analyze and counteract the ways under which corruption assails women's human rights. We are women who, given the lack of values many of our countries suffer, and without pretending to be the sole representatives of ethical behavior, wish to contribute a different outlook and promote the culture of justice and lawfulness through our actions.

## **SPECIFIC GOAL**

To draft a Program of Strategic Alliances with activities, effective mechanisms and tools to strengthen women's leadership towards their active participation in the local and international struggle against corruption.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Panel presentations, testimonials, workshops, advocacy networking, cultural and social activities, strategy building to include a gender perspective in public policies against corruption and actively fight against the culture of impunity.

## **BACKGROUND**

**The first Conference of the WOMEN'S FORUM AGAINST CORRUPTION** took place on September 22, 2000, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Over 300 women attended and participated in 10 panels followed by debates. The subject was: *"Forms of corruption and how to prevent them in: government, mass-media, the practice of professions, workers unions, health, corporations, daily life (citizens' rights), justice, environmental issues. The final panel addressed "Women in decision-making propose public policies"*

The Forum's activities went on in November 2000, with a panel/debate on: *"How to prevent corruption in culture"* and on August 2001 with a debate on *"Education as a State policy in the last decade"*, at Museum Roca, Buenos Aires.

The first **GLOBAL FORUM OF WOMEN POLITICAL LEADERS "New Millenium, New Rules"** took place in Manila, Philippines, in January 17-19, 2000, as a Preparatory Forum for the United Nation's Beijing+5 Review. Politicians from all levels, young women, women from ethnic groups, academics and researchers, NGO activists, business leaders, professionals, religious and grassroot leaders participated in this program which built on their experiences and expertise. Its convener was Irene Santiago, President of The Institute for Women's Leadership, Manila, Philippines

## **VIRTUAL REVIEW PROBIDAD**

Probidad is an initiative of El Salvador civil society that include local and regional, traditional and virtual components. It started on March 1994 to open a debate on Salvadorean corruption and to promote its exposition and sanction. In El Salvador, it is a network, a social control organization, a clearinghouse and a supplier of advice services on corruption and local anticorruption.

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

All participations and conclusions were published in the Internet, at [www.probidad.org.sv](http://www.probidad.org.sv), the website of Probidad Journal of El Salvador, Central America.

For the World Forum we will publish a CD-ROM with all 2000/2002 participations as well as theory development, bibliography and electronic links.

## **FORUM'S NGOs**

### **In Argentina:**

- Acción Solidaria en Salud
- Acción Sur
- Asamblea Permanente por los Derechos Humanos – Comisión de la Mujer
- ASEM
- Asociación Lola Mora
- CEASOL
- CEDEM de San Fernando
- CISCOSA-GEM
- Comunidad de Mujeres Indígenas
- Emprendedoras en Red
- ESIPP
- Feministas en Acción
- Fiscales sin Fronteras
- Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad
- Fundación Sergio Karakachoff – Comisión de la Mujer
- Mujeres Trabajando
- TIDO
- UPCN – Secretaría de Igualdad de Oportunidades

In **El Salvador**, Central America:  
Virtual Review PROBIDAD and  
Journalists against Corruption Network

### **In the Philippines:**

Institute for Women's Leadership, Manila.

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## **SPONSORS**

Argentina's National Women's Council  
National Ombudsman's Office  
Ombudsman's Office of the City of Buenos Aires – Attaché in Human Rights  
Women's Direction- Government of Buenos Aires  
Friedrich Ebert Foundation  
Institute of Public Policies for Equity-Mendoza  
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## **PROGRAM**

### **Thursday October 31:**

9 - 10.30 am: Registration (starting October 30)

10.30 a.m.: Opening speeches  
Plenary Session with debate on *“How Corruption assails Women’s Human Rights”*. Presentation and diagnosis.

1 – 3 p.m.: Presentations on:  
*Corruption and*

- Accessing justice
- Women’s sexual rights
- Economic rights
- The right to property, land and habitat
- Information and communication rights

3 – 5 p.m.:

- Testimonials and experiences of political leaders struggling against corruption.
- Network of Women Citizens in Action: Local and international networking
- Mini-workshops facilitated by local and international participants.
- New technologies at the service of transparency.

5 – 6.30 p.m.: Presentations on:

*Corruption and*

- The right to health
- The right to work and employment
- The right to education
- The right to non-discrimination

### **Friday November 1:**

*“Strategies for a culture without impunity”*

Two Plenary Sessions with debates:

9.30 a.m.: Panel 1 - Economic and Social Practices

11.30 a.m.: Panel 2 - Juridical and Political Practices

3-5 p.m.: Mini-workshops on: *“Strategies for a culture without impunity”*

5 – 6.30 p.m.:

Testimonials and experiences of social leaders against corruption.  
Network of Women Citizens in Action

## **Saturday November 2:**

### ***Program of Strategic Alliances: alternatives for change***

9.30 a.m.: Workshops' conclusions on:

***“Strategies for a culture without impunity”***

10.30 a.m.: Team work to define:

1. Program's core issues
2. Actions and activities
  - for the short, mid and long term

2 p.m.: Presentation of each team's conclusions

4 p.m.: Final proposals on Strategic Alliances.

Define future actions. Presentations to pertinent authorities.

6 p.m.: Summary and conclusions

Closing Ceremony

## **REGISTRATION – Dates and fees**

### **Before 8/31/2002 - Participants**

From Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan,  
New Zeland, USA

U\$ 200.-

From Africa, Asia Latin America  
and the Caribbean,

U\$ 100.-

From Mercosur

U\$ 50.-

From Argentina

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### **After 8/31/2002 - Participants**

From Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan,  
New Zeland, USA

U\$ 300.-

From Africa, Asia Latin America  
and the Caribbean,

U\$ 150.-

From Mercosur

U\$ 75.-

From Argentina

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Fee covers admission to all Forum activities, including social and cultural programs. They also cover publications.

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## **To present a proposal**

Proposals must be sent before June 1, 2002, via e-mail to: malt@mei.com.ar..

In the case of a paper or panel presentation, please send a 250 word abstract of an unpublished text .

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