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The International Women's Day Celebration Paris, 8th March 2012

UNESCO HQ, Room IX, Fontenoy (7, place de FONTENOY, 75007 Paris)

Program:

9:00 Opening Addresses

Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO

Adel Al-Kharafi, President of World Federation of Engineering Organization

9:20 Women in Engineering – at UNESCO and beyond

Gretchen Kalonji, Assistant Director General of Natural Sciences, UNESCO

9:40 Women in Science and Gender Equality – a UNESCO perspective

Saniye Gülser Corat, Director, Division for Gender Equality, UNESCO

9:50 WFEO Women in Engineering, Importance and Challenges

Bashayer Al-Awwad - WFEO WIE Chairwoman

10:20 Session 1: Panel Discussion on Success Stories of Women

Identifying role-models from different regions and cultures to discuss challenges and difficulties facing women engineers and scientists, in their careers and during their voluntary work, and how do they overcome them.

Panelists:

Maria Prieto Laffargue - WFEO Past President, Spain

Rosaline Ganendra- Director of Minconsult Sdn Bhd, Malaysia

Najat AbuHaliqa- IEEE Women in Engineering Chair, Saudi Arabia

Issie Yvonne GUEYE -African Women Engineers Chairwoman, Cote d'Ivoire

11:30 Coffee Break (Sponsored by Kuwait Women Engineers History Movie)

11:45 Key Note Speaker: Experiences and Challenges as an engineer and the first self-funded woman to fly to the International Space Station

Anousheh Ansari - co-founder and chairman of Prodea Systems

12:15 Session 2: Women in Engineering, Is It The Nerd Factor That Keeps Them Away?

How do we make engineering look more attractive to young women?

How can we increase the number of women in engineering?

Yvette Ramos Aivazian - France Women Engineers

Yinka Abdul-President of the Association of Professional Women Engineers of Nigeria(APWEN)

Reine Essobmadje- Founder of Evolving Consulting, France and Cameroon

12:45 Session 3: Concrete Projects on How to Empower Women in the Society

Sheikha Hessah Salem Al Sabah- Chairperson of ATAMANA National

Development Project- State of Kuwait

Monique Moutaud - INWES President Elect

Training Program for New Engineering Graduates- The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development- Celebrating the 50th Anniversary

1:30 Session4: WIE Upcoming Conferences:

Rosaline Ganendra - WiSET Conference, 14-15 June 2012, Malaysia

Sangeeta Wij- INWES Regional Conference, 12-13 October 2012, India

Yvette Ramos Aivazian- Rio+20 Conference, 20-22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro

2:00 Closing

