

## CONFIRMED CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

### **Glenda Ramsden**

Vice President Mexican Federation of University Women  
Prominent artist and sculptor

### **Billie Heller**

Chair of the National Committee on the United Nations Convention  
on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

### **Elahe Amani**

Director of Technology Services at California State  
University Fullerton  
Chair of the Women's Intercultural Network.

### **Rona Popal**

Chair of the Afghan Women's Association International  
Executive Director of the Afghan Coalition

### **Marisa Ugarte**

Executive Director, Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. We gather together to enable future collaboration among members.
2. We gather together to bring about change in individual lives and in society.
3. We gather together to start on the pathway to fulfill our mission, to empower women.

**Registration information can be obtained on the website**

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## **Moving Our Minds... the World's in Motion**

**Women Graduates-USA AGM 2009  
October 15-16, 2009  
Long Beach, CA**

## CONFERENCE AND DIALOG

Conference sessions will address many issues emerging from the "Twelve Critical Areas" identified by the Beijing Conference on Women. Issues to be considered include the following:

- \* The image of women in the media
- \* Violence against women
- \* Trafficking as an international issue
- \* The experiences of women living in areas of conflict
- \* World wide migration patterns
- \* Pros and cons of US immigration problems
- \* The role of the individual in securing change
- \* Ratification of CEDAW

### **Sustaining WG-USA as an Organization**

As the conference concludes, the overarching questions of "What is the role of the individual member of an on line organization?" and "What action steps are needed now?" will be considered at the final Inaugural Banquet when new officers are elected and retiring officers are identified for appreciation.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Conference site:

Long Beach Courtyard by Marriott  
500 East First Street, Long beach CA 90802  
Phone 562-901-0210  
Reference #: 1-VS1475

### Standard Hotel Rooms

Check In : October 15th      Check Out: October 18th

### Room Rates \$129 plus tax

(Each guest should make her own reservation directly with the hotel)

**Reservation Deadline:** September 15, 2009

**Conference Registration:** \$165

Registration includes all program costs plus conference meals, breakfast, lunch and final banquet meal. It does not include the optional tour and dinner aboard the ship Queen Mary

Tour of the ship the Queen Mary \$12  
Dinner aboard the Queen Mary \$30 to \$40

### Conference Theme: "Moving Our Minds!"

To examine the issues affecting women today, as well as issues which are emerging and will surely affect women profoundly in the future, an examination of the historical, political, and personal context in which this change is occurring is needed. If fifty per cent of the women of the African continent are migrating today, and if migration occurs in both Eastern and Western hemispheres, no woman, standing on any piece of this planet earth is unaffected. The affect may be sociological, economic, or it may be educational; it is often legal or personal, but it is certainly not singular, nor solely national. To understand these emergent issues will certainly require us to be willing to "move our minds" to a different way of looking at issues, i.e. to "see" as others may "see" half way round the world!

The Beijing Conference on Women identified "Twelve Critical Areas" in its final documents. This AGM conference will consider several issues which, while identified in the Beijing Platform, have grown towards new and different directions for women in the United States.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

### Friday October 16

#### Morning

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Session I "Moving our Minds"

9:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

Session II "Patterns of Global Migration"

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Session III "Real Life Stories of Women" Panel

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Luncheon Speaker: Glenda Ramsden  
**"Public Art, a tool for communicating the Peace Agenda"**

#### Afternoon

2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Session IV "An overview of Trafficking in the United States"

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Session V "Challenging the Images of Women in Media"

#### Evening

**Dinner and tour of the ship The Queen Mary** (optional)

### Saturday October 17

#### Morning

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Session VI "Getting ready for IFUW in Mexico City"

9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

AGM meeting Election of Officers  
Business meeting

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Luncheon Speaker: Billie Heller  
**"Taking Action on CEDAW"**

#### Afternoon

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session VII "The Very Real Issue of Immigration in the United States"

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Session VIII "The Economic Implications of Global Changes"

#### Evening

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

President's Reception

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Inaugural Banquet  
Installation of Officers  
**"Moving our Minds... to ideas and actions!"**