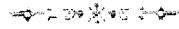


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ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATS TO PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL WOMENS FORUM
IN WASHINGTON, DC, DECEMBER 9-10

Two top representatives of the Alliance of Democrats (AD), Tioulong Saumura, AD Deputy Secretary General, and Mu Soehua, Minister of Women and Veteran Affairs will participate in a two-day global women's forum entitled, "Win with Women: Strengthen Political Parties." This forum will bring together 40 high-level women political party leaders from all regions of the world to launch a global initiative to strengthen political parties through women's leadership.

The forum is organized by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) for International Affairs, and will be hosted by former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. For the past twenty years, NDI has worked to ensure that women become equal partners in the process of democratic development around the world. The surest way to promote women's full participation in a country's political process is through political party reform. Political parties must do more than establish "women's wing" or place women at the bottom end of party lists. They must develop real avenues for women's leadership.

Forum participants will develop a Global Action Plan to promote political party reforms that will advance women's leadership. The Plan will address topics such as party structure, candidacy, fundraising, government policy, and affirmative steps that parties can take to ensure greater equity in their structures and processes.

A highlight of the Forum will be the luncheon on December 10, at which Tioulong Saumura, Mu Soehua and the other women party leaders will launch the Global Action Plan. The luncheon will be attended by 500 guests, including political party leaders, civic organizers, journalists, and legislators.

To learn more about the global women's forum, please visit NDI's website at <http://www.ndi.org/globalp/women/forum/winwithwomen.asp>.

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