

Empowering Women in Kosovo March 18 - March 24



Women in Eastern Europe are working together across ethnic and cultural barriers to bring change to communities still struggling to heal the wounds of divisive ethnic conflict and transition to open and inclusive democratic systems. Women challenge traditionally patriarchal societies in Bosnia, Serbia, Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro, to fight for women's rights and improve the standard of living for all.

For more than a decade NDI has been working with women in Kosovo, providing them with the skills and tools necessary to participate as equals in the political process. Women in parliament have formed the largest, cross-party and multi-ethnic caucus that has pushed through legislation that improves maternity leave; strengthens the state's response to reported incidents of domestic violence; and fights for free breast and cervical cancer screening. Kosovo's new president is a woman – the first and only in Eastern Europe.

Participate in the NDI Kosovo "Week of Women"

NDI invites you to a four-day forum for women politicians, academics, entrepreneurs, journalists and activists where you can share your experience to help women in Kosovo make a difference.

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March 18-19: Travel from the U.S. to the Kosovar capital, Pristina, arriving in time for a brief walk around the city center and a quiet dinner with NDI's country director.

March 20: Attend the opening session of NDI's Week of Women, listen to presentations on women in the Balkans, attend leadership sessions on negotiation, time management and communications.

March 21: Participate in specialized sessions for women in business, attend discussions on starting a business and breaking the glass ceiling. Visit nearby villages in the afternoon to learn more about Kosovo's culture and history.

March 22: Participate in skills-development sessions for women in politics, including discussion on starting a political career and advocacy. Meet with women MPs and young women at the start of their political careers.

March 23: Participate in sessions on women in the media, including workshops on messaging, image management and responding to criticism. Attend dinner with women leaders.

March 24: Return to the U.S.

All travel arrangements and logistics will be handled by NDI. Participants are responsible for travel costs. Please contact Meghan Meyers for more information at (202) 728-5526 or mmeyers@ndi.org.