

1998 GLOBAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN
"WOMEN & THE GLOBAL MARKET"
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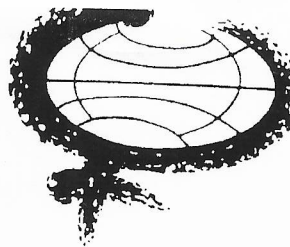
GLOBAL WOMEN LEADERS TO GATHER IN LONDON

Ugandan Vice President Speciosa Wandira Kazibwe and Costa Rican Vice President Rebeca Grynspan will join about 500 women leaders at the Global Summit in London, which will be launched Monday evening, January 12th at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place.

For the first time, the United Kingdom will host this biennial gathering of women leaders from the public and private sector. Other cities which have hosted this high profile gathering are Montreal, Dublin, Taiwan and Miami. The United Kingdom was chosen given its leadership role among the G-7 this year and its Presidency of the European Union for the first half of 1998. "Even more important, we wanted to mark the unprecedented number of women parliamentarians and Cabinet members in the United Kingdom with a pivotal conference focusing on women's leadership and innovation" states Sylvia Perry, President of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, who is the chair of the UK Organising Committee.

The 1998 Summit will focus on the "Women and the Global Market". Irene Natividad, Summit Director and Chair of the National Commission on Working Women in the United States indicated that "Women are the market of the future. As workers, consumers, business leaders and entrepreneurs, women are serious economic players and we intend to underscore that simple fact at this conference" Women CEOs,

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ministers, political leaders, entrepreneurs (from micro to large) and other key women leaders are expected to attend the July 22 - 26th Summit at the Stakis Metropole Hotel.

Already confirmed to attend are Philippines Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Rosario Manalo. Former Senator Tamako Nakanishi, author of Japan's only Equal Employment Opportunity Law, African Development Bank Board Director Alice Dear, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Board Director, Karen Shepard. The U.S. Undersecretary for Agriculture Jill Long, Lucia Quachey of Ghana who serves as Vice President of the International Federation of Women Entrepreneurs and many others.

"We intend to showcase women's economic leadership, which yet remains unacknowledged by the world's business and financial communities" adds Natividad

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