



The 2007 Global Summit of Women will be held in Berlin, Germany. Above, the German delegation lead by Maud Pagel announces Summit plans.

## Global Summit of Women Draws Entrepreneurs from Every Continent

Celebrating 15 years of gathering outstanding women in business and governmental leaders from all corners of the globe, the Global Summit of Women convened June 10-12 in Cairo, Egypt. Lead by Summit President Irene Natividad, the event draws high caliber participants together to focus on accelerating women's economic development through the effective use of technology, and maximizing the benefits of cross-border business alliances.

Egyptian First Lady H. E. Suzanne Mubarak opened the ceremonies and was given the 2006 Global Women's Leadership Award. Egypt's 2006 Leadership Award was presented to Yousreya Loza Sawiris, Secretary-General of The Sawiris Foundation. In cooperation with *Enterprising Women Magazine*, two outstanding women entrepreneurs received the 2006 Global Summit of Women/Enterprising Women of the Year Award: Artemis Toumazi, founder and president of the Cooperative Bank



The delegation from the China Association of Women Entrepreneurs (CAWE) takes advantage of Egypt's rich ancient culture at the Pyramids of Giza.

The Philippine delegation pose for a photo with Egyptian First Lady Suzanne Mubarak (fourth from right) and award winner Myrna Yao (third from right).



of Cyprus, and Myrna Yao, chair of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women.

The Summit featured a pre-Summit ministerial roundtable to bring together women ministers from around the world to discuss policies that have positively impacted women's economic status in their own countries. Conference workshops focused on topics such as an economic profile of women in the Arab region, public/private partnerships that have enhanced women's economic progress, financing your micro- enterprise, developing a brand for your business, surviving and learning from business failures, moving women into the corporate boardroom, developing women's economic leadership in the Arab world, and a number of other key topics.

Prior Summits have been held in Montreal, Canada ('90), Dublin, Ireland ('92), Taipei, Taiwan ('94), Miami, Florida ('97), London, U.K. ('98), Buenos Aires, Argentina ('99), Johannesburg, South Africa ('00), Hong Kong S.A.R. ('01), Barcelona, Spain ('02), Marrakech, Morocco ('03), Seoul, Republic of Korea ('04), and Mexico City, Mexico ('05). The 2007 Summit will be held in Berlin, Germany.

Summit Founder and President Irene Natividad serves on the Board of Directors of *Enterprising Women* and was inducted into the *Enterprising Women* Hall of Fame in 2004 to recognize a lifetime of achievements working to advance women's entrepreneurship around the globe.



Artemis Toumazi, left, founder and president of the Cooperative Bank of Cyprus, receives the Global Summit of Women/International Enterprising Women of the Year Award from Summit President Irene Natividad.



Myrna Yao, chair of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, receives the Global Summit of Women/International Enterprising Women of the Year Award from Summit President Irene Natividad.

At right, the honorable Fatima Al-Balooshi, Minister of Social Affairs, Bahrain, addresses conference delegates.

