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WORLD WOMEN'S SUMMIT IN BERLIN

"Davos for Women": What the Global Woman Summit is About

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A delegation from Malaysia also traveled to the Women's Summit. The Minister for Women, Family, and Community, Nancy Shukri, is the third from the left.

1000 powerful women from 60 nations are currently in Berlin. A look behind the scenes shows what their summit meeting is about.

In the luxury hotel JW Marriott in Mitte, it is currently buzzing like a beehive. In the conference room, a giant cube has been set up where simultaneous interpreters sit. The many women who are dynamically organizing their papers here and have been talking to each other since the early hours of Thursday morning are like the spearheads of female equality from 60 countries. Among the guests is also the Vice President of Vietnam, who leads a delegation of 70 businesswomen at the summit. Politicians and executives from Iceland, Thailand, Cambodia, Egypt, and the Philippines have also traveled. The Global Woman Summit, which takes place in Berlin from July 5 to 8, 2025, is referred to as "Davos

for Women." Currently, 1000 women are in the capital for the event. The initiator is the feminist Irene Natividad. The 76-year-old from Washington has been organizing prominent women's forums since 1990.

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The women's rights activist Irene Natividad at the 35th Global Summit of Women in Berlin-Mitte.

Natividad gives a brief speech at the opening of the World Women's Summit.

"Unfortunately, there is total equality nowhere in the world at the moment," she says. She explains why she chose Berlin as the location for the 35th Global Summit of Women. The Pay Transparency Act, which has been in force in Germany since 2017, contributed to her decision. "We don't have such a law in the USA," says the 76-year-old.

Another reason why the World Women's Summit is taking place in Berlin is the cabinet, which consists of 40 percent women. The third reason is that a high proportion of women can also be found in the so-called Blue Chip Companies in Germany. Industrialized countries should economically support women, she appealed. "It's not just about social justice, because wanting to achieve economic growth without women is like wanting to run a race with one leg," said Natividad.

Central topics of the summit: digital violence, AI, and disinformation



Süreyya Erkan, Director General for the Status of Women in the Ministry of Family from Turkey, has arrived.

Under the motto "Women: Restoring Values in the Digital Age," the World Women's Summit addresses important current topics such as combating digital violence, disinformation, and the changing world of work through robotics and artificial intelligence (AI). The new Federal Minister Karin Prien from the Merz cabinet, whose department includes equality, opens the forum with Natividad. Prien explains that she wants to form a commission to develop a strategy to reduce digital violence. "We must remain humane and empathetic, even in the digital age," is the tenor of the ladies.
