Women’s Rights and Economic Justice in the 21st Century
Monday, March 7, 2016  •  5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

5:30 pm – 5:45 pm  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Walter Isaacson, President and CEO, the Aspen Institute
Peggy Clark, Vice President, the Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Aspen Global Health and Development
Anne Mosle, Vice President, the Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Ascend at the Aspen Institute

5:45 pm – 6:45 pm  The State of Play: Women’s Rights and Economic Justice
Inspirational and innovative leaders share their insights on what has been accomplished in building equality and justice for women and families, what has been learned, and – most importantly – what is the agenda for 2016 and beyond.

Speakers:
Moderator: Melissa Harris-Perry, Maya Angelou Presidential Chair, Wake Forest University; and host, Melissa Harris-Perry on MSNBC
Teresa Younger, President and CEO, Ms. Foundation for Women
Judith Lichtman, Senior Advisor, National Partnership for Women and Families
Alicia Garza, Co-Founder, #BlackLivesMatter; Special Projects Director, National Domestic Workers Alliance
Musimbi Kanyoro, President and CEO, Global Fund for Women (Invited)

6:45 pm – 7:15 pm  Honoring the Leadership and Legacy of Helen Neuborne
We pay tribute to Helen Neuborne’s many years of service at the Ford Foundation and her leadership in championing women’s economic empowerment, rights, and justice.

Elliot Gerson, Executive Vice President, the Aspen Institute
Anne Mosle, Vice President, the Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Ascend at the Aspen Institute
Special Tribute Remarks:
Heather Boushey, Executive Director and Chief Economist, Washington Center for Equitable Growth
Nancy Duff Campbell, Co-President, National Women’s Law Center
Maureen Conway, Vice President for Policy Programs, the Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Economic Opportunities Program
Vivien Labaton, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director, Make it Work
Andrea Levere, President, Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED)
Karen Nussbaum, Executive Director, Working America
Kavita Ramdas, Senior Advisor, Global Strategy, Ford Foundation
Neera Tanden, President and CEO, Center for American Progress and the Center for American Progress Action Fund
June Zeitlin, Director of Human Rights Policy, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Remarks from Honoree: Helen Neuborne, Director, Quality Employment, Ford Foundation

7:15 pm – 8:00 pm   Reception continues

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Tuesday, March 8, 2016    •    9:00 am – 2:15 pm

8:30 am   Breakfast available

9:00 am – 9:15 am   Welcome and Opening Remarks
   Peggy Clark, Vice President, the Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Aspen Global Health and Development
   Marjorie Sims, Managing Director, Ascend at the Aspen Institute

9:15 am – 10:15 am   Building the Agenda: Lessons Across Communities and Sectors
How have we expanded our power to be heard? How has technology changed the way we influence policy? What policies are most ready or most important to move? What do we envision for today’s workplace that meets the needs of women and families? What does the research tell us, and what are the lessons for the next generation? How does intersectionality improve our policy efforts?
In the lead up to the White House Summit on the United State of Women, policy, research, and advocacy leaders ground our work in the path blazed by women across the globe. We will explore new voices, lessons from the international and US landscapes, and approaches for addressing the needs of women and families today.

Speakers:
   Moderator: Anne Mosle, Vice President, the Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Ascend at the Aspen Institute
   Helen Neuborne, Director, Quality Employment, Ford Foundation
   Wendy Chun-Hoon, DC Director, Family Values @ Work
   Kavita Ramdas, Senior Advisor, Global Strategy, Ford Foundation
   Melissa Harris-Perry, Maya Angelou Presidential Chair, Wake Forest University; and host, Melissa Harris-Perry on MSNBC

10:15 am – 11:15 am   Leading on the Frontlines: Solutions and Strategies for Advancing an Economic Agenda for Women and Families in the US
While the national conversation is focused on the Presidential race and Washington gridlock, these savvy women are leading with solutions that help build educational success, economic security,
and health and well-being for women and families. Whether they are working with women who are justice-involved, single mothers building their skills for living wage jobs, or leveraging the grassroots capacity of women across the country, these leaders recognize that both generations need to succeed together in order for families to thrive today and for generations to come.

Speakers:

Moderator: LaShawn Jefferson, Program Officer, Ford Foundation
Vivian Nixon, Executive Director, College & Community Fellowship
C. Nicole Mason, Executive Director, Center for Research and Policy in the Public Interest
Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, Executive Director/CEO and Co-Founder, MomsRising.org

11:15 am – 11:30 am Break

11:30 am – 12:30 pm The Global Women’s Movement: Progress, Perils and the Path Forward
This decade has seen historic progress for women and girls all over the world with more girls in school, declines in maternal mortality, increased access to reproductive health services, more women in leadership positions, and, in some regions, advances in economic opportunity for women. Yet, huge disparities remain, and there are barriers to be overcome cross all sectors and reach from attitudes and behaviors in individual families to the highest levels of national and global policymaking. What is the vision ahead for the global women’s movement?

Speakers:

Moderator: Peggy Clark, Vice President, the Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Aspen Global Health and Development
Reema Nanavaty, Director, Self Employed Women’s Association, India
Ms. Mari Kuraishi Co-Founder and President Global Giving (Invited)
Daniela Ligiero, Vice President for Girls and Women’s Strategy, UN Foundation (Invited)

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm The United State of Women: Accomplishments of the Obama Administration and the Agenda Ahead
White House leadership shares what the Obama Administration has invested in women and girls, what they hope to accomplish through the White House Summit on the United State of Women, and their agenda moving forward.

Speakers:

Moderator: Jonathan Capehart, Columnist, Washington Post, and Contributor, MSNBC
Introductory Remarks: Walter Isaacson, President and CEO, the Aspen Institute
Tina Tchen, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady, The White House; Executive Director, White House Council on Women and Girls (Invited)
Anne Mosle, Vice President, the Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Ascend at the Aspen Institute and other special guests

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm Closing remarks