

The 1st International Woman's Summit

The Middle East and Central Asia

Leadership For a New World

convening in Istanbul , Turkey

November 4th - 10th, 2005

The Middle East and Central Asia are moving toward a period of transformation and restoration. It is a time of a new balance of power and new beginnings in regions that have never known a lasting peace.

The purpose of the 1st International Woman's Summit is to bring together emerging women leaders from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, India, Russia, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Palestine and Egypt. They will participate in roundtable forums, panels, workshops, and general plenaries with women leaders from the U.S., Canada and Britain.

The Summit will be a powerful convergence of women who are specialists in areas of government, economics, science and technology, human values, education, healthcare, business and cottage industries, religion, media and the arts. These emerging women leaders will have an opportunity to share growing concerns of regional and personal barriers to practical peacemaking within and between their countries and together create new paradigms for social and global change.

In the true spirit of a new world design, summit participants will explore new visions of security and how individual, national and global security is the responsibility of each citizen as well as governments. Women Invitees will examine their mutual interdependency as nations and their shared values for the 3rd millennium.

The underlying thread of this 1st International Women's Summit will be on the humanitarian and spiritual values that transcend political, religious, and territorial boundaries to unite us all. The walls of separation are coming down. The old structures are crumbling so that the new can be born. Out of the ashes of present world crises, a new phoenix of opportunity is calling the women to step forth as the architects of their own destiny and the destiny of all humankind.