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Invitation

It is pleasure to invite you to the Nordic Baltic Gender Equality Forum, which will take place in Riga on 3-4 December 2009.

In the beginning of 2009 Nordic-Baltic Gender Equality Cooperation Program 2009-2010 was adopted. One of the aims of the Nordic-Baltic Gender Equality Cooperation Program is to promote common Nordic and Baltic values and practices in the area of gender equality and further develop and strengthen the visibility of the Nordic and Baltic approach to gender equality policy. It envisages a gender equality forum (*fair*) as an arena for representatives from governmental and nongovernmental organizations to meet and share experience, create networks and develop ideas for common projects.

Latvia and Nordic Council of Ministers have the honor to organize the first Gender Equality Forum that will gather participants from the Nordic and Baltic countries. Gender Equality Forum will focus on *Gender and Financial Crisis* and will be devoted to review the financial instruments available in the region, discuss recent success stories of regional cooperation on gender equality issues and finally contribute to develop joint project ideas to be carried out during next few years.

Please, find attached the program and general information.

Yours faithfully,

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