



Item 9: Intervention

[Women in leadership - women's representation in policy- and decision-making](#)

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INTERVENTION 1

Delivered by Jennifer Kamau, will be uploaded soon.

INTERVENTION 2

Good morning everyone,

My name is Ernestine Melha and I work for International Alliance for women (IAW/AIF). I am today I'm speaking on behalf of Women's Major Group, representing here 80 million persons with disabilities in Europe.

One in five women worldwide are women with disabilities they experience intersectional forms of discrimination in all areas of life including with regards to public and political life and leadership.

- First, in all levels of policy making processes, women and girls with disabilities and their representative organisations should be closely consulted and actively involved in all decisions that affect their lives.
- As even the heritage of the first days of Beijing platform for action calls us to continue with our efforts to have the voices of all women and girls with disabilities heard
- Intergenerational dialogue to support young women with disabilities to become the next leaders in their movements and to enhance the opportunities

to play an active role in politics leading to policy decisions will address their needs and contribute to a fully inclusive society.

- 'Nothing about us without us'