

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to share with you a remarkable message from Natalie Haan who is ambassador of the Global Diversity & Inclusion Council.

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“Thank you Honorary Consul Gonul Eken for giving me the opportunity to share my considerations about **“Gender equality in diplomacy”**”.

In my professional life, I am engaged with diversity and inclusion as being the envoy of the Global Diversity & Inclusion Council and working as an expert in mental health diseases for an international Danish company. Besides that, being spouse of the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Palau to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Combining the best of both worlds: diversity, inclusion, mental health and the Palauan matriarchal society. I am focusing my expertise to the Pacific islands of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia.

In my perspective, it is essential to provide equal opportunities to women regardless of race, color, age, religion, caste, nationality, ethnicity, economic, political and sexual orientation, disability or any other status. To be diverse and inclusive in the field of diplomacy we need to listen to each other without unconscious bias. After all, we are diplomats! But also respect and accept the differences in diverse cultures. It’s the mix that works. We are diplomats, being global bridge builders; our success depends on the many talents and experiences of our multi-cultural background. Be courageous to speak out when inequality is presenting itself. Consequently we can encourage gender equality. Stand up, walk the talk and set an example for all people who live in this beautiful world.”