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# **IV International Uyghur Women's Seminar to be held in Estonia**

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From 24-26 September 2011, the IV International Uyghur Women's Seminar, entitled "*The Importance of Uyghur Women's Participation in Promoting Human Rights and Democracy*", will take place in Tallinn, Estonia.

The seminar is co-organized by Mr. Juku-Kalle Raid, Member of the Estonian Parliament, the International Uyghur Human Rights and Democracy Foundation (IUHRDF, <http://iuhrdf.org/>) and the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO, [www.unpo.org](http://www.unpo.org)) and will be sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED, [www.ned.org](http://www.ned.org)).

The conference will be opened by Ms. Rebiya Kadeer, President of the IUHRDF and the World Uyghur Congress (WUC) and multiple Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

**The venue of the Opening Session, which is open to the public, is:**

**24 September 2011 at 12h (time tbc)**

**Estonian National Library  
Main Conference Hall  
Tõnismägi 2  
Tallinn 15189**

The main goal of the seminar is to provide a constructive forum for Uyghur women from around the world to discuss the current situation of Uyghur women in East Turkestan, to introduce and elaborate the principles of human rights and democracy to Uyghur women and to encourage them to involve themselves more actively in the human rights and democracy movement. International experts, parliamentarians, academics and human rights activists will give presentations and conduct interactive skills training in democracy and human rights.

The first International Uyghur Women's Seminar was held in March 2007 in Washington, D.C. The second International Uyghur Women's Seminar was held in 2008 in Munich, Germany and the third seminar was held in November 2009 in Toronto, Canada.

**The program of the seminar, together with a list of speakers, is forthcoming.**

**Information on the seminar will also be available [here](#).**

If you have any questions or queries regarding the International Uyghur Women's Seminar, please do not hesitate to contact IUHRDF at:

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