



ELIZABETH BENHAM

**Chair BPW Partnerships and Business Net Taskforce
President NFBPWC -USA and Past President IFBPW 2008-2011**

Elizabeth “Liz” Benham is the president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, (NFBPWC-USA 2013-2018). She served as International President of IFBPW 2008-2011 and IFBPW Vice President of Membership 2005-2008. Liz was appointed in 1997 as a permanent delegate of IFBPW to the United Nations, New York and is serving as Treasurer of CoNGO (Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations) 2012-2018. Liz has been a BPW member for 29 years.

Her achievements were acknowledged by the “Woman of the Year” award from BPW New York, the “Lena Award” from EPW USA, proclamations from the Council of New York City and the United States House of Representatives recorded in the 111th Congressional Record of Congress.

Liz's career began as a nurse Midwife in Obstetrics and then transitioned ambitiously into her own business in the construction industry. Having over 25 years of import, export, sales, marketing and management experience, serving major retailers and wholesalers across the USA and Canada she generated incremental annual sales revenues up to USD 22 million. Her newest business, Sunny Seaside LLC, based in Florida, handles real estate management and consultancy. Liz also trademarked and patented an invention called “the Footle” for sliding screen doors.

President Yasmin Darwich established the IFBPW Partnerships task force to monitor and strengthen the partnerships BPW International has with MOUs (Memorandum of Understandings) with the following organizations: United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) since 2010, International Trade Centre (ITC) since 2010, WeConnect International since 2010, and UN Women-Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) since 2009.

By the nature of its title, BPW International should focus more on Business for our members. The “Business Net” task force created in 2016 is regionally represented by:

Brazil - Margarida Yassuda, **Canada** - Carol Pelton, **Cyprus** - Kikoula Cotsapas, **Philippines** - Jenny Lind Elmaco, **Uganda** - Winnie Lawoko-Olwe, and **USA** - Manjul Batra.