

AFRICAN GENDER FORUM AND AWARD 2005

PROGRAMME

Pre-Conference Saturday 30 April

AM **Press Conference at the Sofitel Téranga Hotel**
First Selection Committee meeting on African Gender Awards

16.00 **Early Registration**

20.00 **Informal Early Arrivals Gathering and Evening Cocktail**

Guests were able to meet each other and enjoy the Senegalese Kora music, performed during the cocktail party.

Le Méridien President Hotel, venue of the event, is the West Africa's premier hotel and convention centre. Situated on 35 hectares of coastal estate, Le Méridien President has the largest meeting facilities in West Africa.

Sunday 1 May

08:00 **Networking Breakfast 1**
Meeting Friends

Registration at Main Hall

09:00 Opening Press Conference
Press Room

Conference Partners and Chairs to address international media in this first press conference at the opening of the forum. Interviews, of Hon Ambassador Gertrude Mongella, Hon. Ms. Saida Agrebi, Ms. Julienne Ondziel, Ms. Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani and Ms. Bineta Diop, aired by television stations.

10:00 Opening Session
Room BC012

An African-Arab Renaissance - Where the Women Stand

Welcome Remarks:

Ms. Bineta Diop

Host of the Dialogue with Arab Women on Economic and Political Issues
Executive Director of Femmes Africa Solidarité

Ms. Haifa Fahoum Al Kaylani

Co-Host of the Dialogue with Arab Women on Economic and Political Issues
Founder and Chairperson of the Arab International Women's Forum

(10.05) Opening Addresses:

Hon. Ambassador Gertrude Mongella
Chair of the Session
President of the Pan-African Parliament

Hon. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma
Minister of Foreign Affairs, South Africa

(10.35) Video Speech:

HE Ms. Suzanne Mubarak
President of the Forum
President and Founder of The Suzanne Mubarak Women's
International Peace Movement / Women Defending Peace
First Lady of the Republic of Egypt

Guest of Honour address:

HE Ms. Viviane Wade
Founder and President of "Association Education Santé"
First Lady of Senegal

With the presence of Her Excellency Ms. Isatu Njie Saidu, Vice
President of the Republic of Gambia and Her Excellency Ms. Aminata
Tall, Minister of State, Minister of Local Communities, Republic of
Senegal

10.50 Coffee Break

11.20 Setting the Tone

*Celebrating the African Women's Movement: Sharing the Example of
Femmes Africa Solidarité in the African Union*
- Film Screening

Speakers reviewed the progress made by women in Africa and the Arab
world, celebrating successes in economics, politics and rights. Speakers set
the tone for subsequent discussion by calling participants to draw inspiration
from success stories, to remind one another of the importance of partnership
and support, and to remain positively focused to achieve greater progress for
women in the future.

Chair: **Mr. Vasu Gounden**
Founder and Former Director of ACCORD, African Centre for the
Constructive Resolution of Disputes, South Africa

Presenters: **Ms. Bineta Diop**
Executive Director of Femmes Africa Solidarité

Ms. Yacine Fall
Senior Economic Advisor, UNIFEM
Senior Policy Advisor UN Millennium Project, Senegal

Discussants: **Ms. Josephine Ouedraogo**

Acting Deputy Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa

Ms. Asna Ndiaye

Coordinator Regional Gender Programme, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa

13:00 Speaker Lunch 1
Flamboyant Room

From Private to Public – Promoting Gender Equality

During this lively lunch, participants will hear about experiences, strategies and ideas to promote gender equality through creative public-private partnerships was the theme for this lunch.

Video projection: The Experience of “**Association Education Santé**” of the Senegalese First Lady **Her Excellency Ms. Viviane Wade**

Presenter: **Ms. Bineta Diop**, Executive Director Femmes Africa Solidarité

Speaker: **Ms. Vivian Lowery Derryck**
Senior Vice President and Director of Public-Private Partnerships,
Academy for Educational Development

Discussions

14.30-16.00 Plenary 1

Sharing Success Stories - Best Practices in the Economic and Public Spheres

This experience-sharing session featured ingredients for initiating and running a successful business or organisation, drawing comparisons and contrasts to the lessons of the public and private sphere.

Chair: **Dr. Olumide Ajayi**
Deputy Director and Chief of Programmes of the Africa Leadership Forum

Presenters: **Ms. Yasmin Jusu-Sheriff**
Vice-President, Mano River Women’s Peace Network, Sierra Leone

Dr. Amany Asfour
President of the Egyptian Business Women’s Association

Discussant: **Hon. Ms. Saida Agrebi**
Member of Tunisian Parliament
President of the Tunisian Mother Association

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 Plenary 2

Analysing the Indicators

This diagnostic session analysed indicators across institutions in legal, economic, and educational domains. Speakers addressed the situation and made recommendations for the future.

Chair: **Mr. Halidou Ouedraogo**
President de l'Union Inter africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples

Presenters: **Dr. Aleya Hammad**
Secretary General of Women Defending Peace Coalition,
Former Executive Director of the World Health Organisation

Ms. Thelma Awori
Executive Board Member of the African Women's Development Fund
Former UNDP Administrator for Africa

Discussant: **Dr. Olumide Ajayi**
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20.00 Learning Dinner
Salon Vert

Sharing experiences Up-close

The dinner will be an opportunity for public, business, NGO figures to share experiences and ideas with each others in a relaxed atmosphere, as well as a chance to sample fresh seafood and other delicacies of Senegal.

Theme: Governance, Peace and Security

Ms. Ancil Adrian-Paul
Programme Manager, International Alert

Ms. Asha Hagi Elmi
Chairperson, Save Somali Women and Children

Theme: Building a Successful Business

Mr. Mansour Kama
President of the National Employer's Confederation of Senegal

Ms. Farida Hashem
Senior Consultant, Felixia Associates

Monday 2 May

08:00 Networking Breakfast 2
Manguiers Room

Discussing with Your Partners

09:00 Workshops
Flamboyant Room

Peace, Security and Prosperity – From Policy to Practice

Participants will participate in one of the dynamic workshop listed below. These workshops – facilitated by experts - will allow participants to engage in in-depth and interactive discussions on strategies to turn policy into practice in public, private, and civil society, as well as the links within and between these spheres. The small group sessions will also facilitate important professional networking among conferences participants.

Choose among:

Making Policy Change Happen/ Working together: Partnership and Networking

Room BC06

Facilitator: **Dr. Awa Marie Coll-Seck**
Director, Department of Public Strategy and Research, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

Discussants: **Ms. Yetunde Teriba**
Women, Gender and Development Directorate, African Union

Ms. Inge Relp
WOMANKIND Worldwide UK, Honorary Secretary AIWF

Empowerment through the Private Sphere/Ensuring Infrastructure Support: ICTs

Room BC05

Facilitator: **Dr. Fatma Zohra Karadja**
President, ANSEDI and Vice-President, ECOSOC

Discussants: **Ms. Nosizwe Nokwe**
Director of Health, Safety Environment and Quality, Engen Petroleum Ltd.

Ms. Hoda Hameed Sangoor
Director Venus Interiors International, Bahrain

10:30 Coffee Break
Main Hall

10.45 Workshop continues

13.15 Speaker Lunch 2

Perspectives of women's leadership strategies in national governments, civil society and the international community.

Speaker: **Ms. Zainab Bangura**
Executive Director, National Accountability Group, Sierra Leone

14:30 - 15:30 Conference Summary
Room BC012

The conference summary highlighted key issues and findings from the working dinners, from the smaller workshops and from the plenary presentations. Conference participants –leaders and practitioners- received concrete strategies for furthering gender equality in their own countries, organizations and regions. Follow on issues and challenges will also be highlighted.

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Dr. Nancy Walker

President AfricaNet
Former Director, African Centre for Strategic Studies

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15:30 – 16:30 Closing Ceremony

Room BC012

Chair: **Ms. Julienne Ondziel**
Chair of the Board, Femmes Africa Solidarité

Closing Addresses:

Hon. Ms. Elisabeth Rehn

Former Finnish Minister of Defence, Former UN Under Secretary-General

Dr. Mary King

Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, University for Peace

HE Ms. Aminata Tall

Minister of State, Minister of Local Communities, Senegal

16:30 – 17:00 Closing Press Conference

Press Room

Conference Partners, Chairs and Guests to address international media in the closing press conference. Interviews will be aired by television stations.

17.30

Bus Departure

To the Pan African Centre for Gender, Peace and Development

HE Ms. Isatu Njie Saidy

Vice-President of the Gambia

HE Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma

Minister of Foreign Affairs, South Africa

Hon. Ms. Said Agrebi

Deputy, Member of Tunisian Parliament, President of Tunisian Mothers Association

Ms. Julienne Ondziel
Chair of Board, Femmes Africa Solidarité

18.00 Return to the Meridien Hotel

Special Marquee

*The first African Gender Award was presented, honouring those who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in gender mainstreaming and involving women in various spheres. The African Gender Award was presented to President **ABDOULAYE WADE** of Senegal and President **THABO MBEKI** of South Africa. Guests were encouraged to dress up for a festive evening in colourful Dakar, and enjoyed the warm tunes of African and Senegalese artists.*

Post-Conference Tuesday 3 May

08:00 Networking Breakfast
Manguiers Room

Sharing Conference Afterthoughts

9.30 Post-Conference Discussions
Follow-up and Evaluation by Forum Organisers

12.00 Excursion
Trip to Gorée Island

Guests will have a chance to visit the historic slave trade on Gorée Island, and wind down on this peaceful island.

PM FAS Board Meeting and visit to His Excellency President Abdoulaye Wade, of the Republic of Senegal