



Femmes Africa Solidarité

PLAN OF ACTION of the African Gender Forum and Award 2007



Action	Why	Who	How	Where
<p><i>Agree to support and promote the contribution of professional African women living in the diaspora to their countries of origin through the African Women Database launched by IOM, AfricaRecruit and Femmes Africa Solidarité during the African Gender Forum and Award 2007</i></p>	<p>To support the socio economic development of African countries by providing a comprehensive register African women with their skills and qualification and experience</p>	<p>FAS, IOM and the Partners of the Forum</p>	<p>On-line register</p>	<p>Currently specific for registration and links to partners websites</p>
<p><i>Promote Africa as an equal global, bilateral and multilateral partner and not as an assisted continent</i></p>	<p>To raise the profile of Africa and its rich resources and not just as an aid-calling continent</p>	<p>IOM and Femmes Africa Solidarité and through the gender is my agenda network</p>	<p>Through advocacy at international level. Media AU Pre-Summit Consultative Meeting on mainstreaming Gender in the AU</p>	<p>International and regional conferences Write articles for major publications Broadcasts Documentary films</p>
<p><i>Agree to send a delegation representing the African Gender Forum to the second Global Forum on Migration and Development (Manila, October 2008) that includes a cross-section of women in the African diaspora to increase the visibility of migrant women's concerns and ensure that the voice of Africa and its diaspora is heard</i></p>	<p>To advocate and lobby on the needs African Women in the diaspora Sharing Best Practices To network with other Migrant organizations and policymakers</p>	<p>FAS- Representative by Janet Narh and Coumba Fall will be attending the civil society parallel meetings</p>	<p>Funded by the Global Forum on Migration and Development Janet will be physically in attendance at Manila</p>	<p>Manila, Philippines</p>



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<p><i>Contribute to a better integration of migrant women in the country of destination as a whole and with Afro-descendant women and communities in that country</i></p>	<p>To ensure that African Women are fully empowered to benefit significantly from socio-economic programmes provided by their host countries enabling to them contribute meaningfully to their countries of destination</p>	<p>FAS will provide support through the Nandi – Returnee Programme and the Partners of the programme</p>	<p>Establishing a seven schemes within a comprehensive programme targeted at African Women in the diaspora</p>	<p>Host Countries</p>
<p><i>Promote the image of migrants as contributors and not as “economic parasites”</i></p>	<p>Research confirms that migrants have acquired knowledge and gained skills that can contribute to the economic development of the host and countries of origin</p>	<p>FAS through the Nandi returnee programme, in collaboration with IOM and the Partners of the Forum</p>	<p>Through funded “Nandi returnee” programme</p>	<p>Host Countries</p>
<p><i>Collaborate with African governments and private sector by making Africa suitable for investments and new projects</i></p>	<p>To ensure the creation of a political and economic climate is favourable for African Women to invest and establish businesses in the Africa Union</p>	<p>FAS through the Nandi returnee programme, in collaboration with IOM and the Partners of the Forum</p>	<p>The advocacy and lobbying Government bodies</p>	<p>Countries of origin</p>
<p><i>Involve eminent African women, diasporan women and African descendants in the dialogue for positive utilisation of diasporan resource base</i></p>	<p>In order that African migrant women become recognized actors in the developmental process of both the host and country of origins</p>	<p>FAS through the Gender is my agenda campaign and eminent women</p>	<p>Through brain storming forums, expert group meetings, Pre-summit meetings, the up-coming International Colloquium in Liberia-March 08 Advocacy at High level consultative meetings with multi-stakeholders in particular government and regional bodies</p>	<p>Europe, UK, Africa and America</p>



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<p><i>Continue to promote the success stories of migrant and Afro-descendant women</i></p>	<p>To raise the profile of the skills and resources of migrant African women and how they are presently contributing to the socio-economic development of the host and countries of origin</p>	<p>FAS through the Nandi returnee programme,</p>	<p>Through documentary films, leaflets, website, press releases and articles in major publications</p>	<p>Diaspora in Europe, Africa and America African Missions and Embassies abroad. International Organisations. Foreign Development and Cooperation Agencies</p>
<p><i>Promote financial independence of African women in the diaspora and African descendants, which gives choice and voice as well as life-long education to build women's self-confidence and capacity</i></p>	<p>To ensure that the positive image of the migrant woman is realised globally and their contribution to the economic development of both host and countries of origin</p>	<p>FAS through the gender is my agenda campaign network, partners and Media</p>	<p>Through documentary films, leaflets, website, press releases and articles in major publications</p>	<p>Diaspora in Europe, Africa and America African Missions and Embassies abroad. International Organisations. Foreign Development and Cooperation Agencies</p>
<p><i>Promote micro-finance schemes that will allow for a better use of remittances by women and allow women an easier access to bank/commercial credit</i></p>	<p>To effectively channel remittances towards development in countries of origin. To reinforce the private sector for sustainable development</p>	<p>FAS through the Nandi returnee programme, in collaboration with IOM and the Partners of the Forum</p>	<p>Through workshops and training programmes, Online-Distance and support learning facilities</p>	<p>Website, International forums (sharing best practices) Diaspora organisations and networks African Missions and Embassies abroad. International Organisations. Foreign Development and Cooperation Agencies</p>



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<p><i>Continue to promote the gender dimension in migration through research and advocacy</i></p>	<p>As there is a lack of comprehensive data on gender and migration; on the trends of women migrants returning and the significant role they can play to development</p>	<p>FAS through the Nandi returnee programme – analytical research studies and data collection</p>	<p>Through field visits, surveys, questionnaires, on–line forum, consultations with international organizations and government bodies</p>	<p>Diaspora in Europe, Africa and America African Missions and Embassies abroad. International and Regional Organisations. Foreign Development and Cooperation Agencies</p>
<p><i>Continue to promote international tools which aim to guarantee the protection of migrants' rights within both the countries of destination and origin</i></p>	<p>To protect the rights of women migrants in host and countries of origin</p>	<p>FAS and its partners</p>	<p>High level advocacy at international forum and regional consultation meetings</p>	<p>At International, Regional and national levels</p>
<p><i>Continue to advocate and support African governments in their efforts to ensure that policies are in place to retain young people and create incentives and economic opportunities through a gender equality perspective</i></p>	<p>To promote a conducive economic environment where gender is mainstreamed. Retaining and enabling the youth to become actors in the social, economic and political spheres of their countries to achieve the MDGs</p>	<p>FAS through the Gender is my Agenda campaign network and its partners</p>	<p>Through advocacy at international level; AU Pre-Summit Consultative Meeting on mainstreaming Gender in the AU; African Gender Forums, Media</p>	<p>AU Head of States and Ministerial meetings at both regional/sub-regional and national levels. Development and Cooperation Agencies' Development Plan</p>