

First Ladies of Africa Advancing the Millennium Development Goals: Projects and Perspectives

Presentation of projects of First Ladies of Africa advancing the MDGs focusing on women and the girl child. Countries represented include Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Burundi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Tanzania and others. Projects address HIV/AIDS, poverty, education, employment and empowerment of women and girls, maternal and child health as well as the UN Secretary General's initiative "Every Woman Every Child." Video examples will be shown.

PROGRAM:

Welcome: Reverend Dionne Boissiere

Opening address: Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations, "Equality of women's participation: Essential for advancing the global agenda for peace and development"

Music Performances:

- ❖ "Every Woman Every Child" Sheimyrrah (soloist), Hunter College Elementary School Chorale (Ayana Lowe (H.C.E.S. Music Director), The Dr. Nyjeri Norman Singers & Russell Daisey (Musical Director)
- ❖ "Towers of Light" Tomoko Shibata (Soloist), Russell Daisey (Piano)

Moderator and Panelists:

Dr. Judy Kuriansky, UN NGO representative and Chair of the Psychology Coalition at the UN: "The 'Every Woman Every Child' Initiative and Projects of First Ladies of Africa: Psychosocial perspectives & lessons learned about Education, Employment & Empowerment"

Mr. Ted Alemayhu, Founder, U.S. Doctors for Africa: "The 2nd First Ladies Africa Health Summit: Partnerships for Progress for the Well-being and Advancement of Women and Girls"

Ms. Nana Fosu-Randall, Founder, Voices of African Mothers, with representatives of CANIGE NGO of the First Lady of Equatorial Guinea: "The Women's MDG Progress Awards for First Ladies of Africa: Achievements and the New Collaboration between VAM and the First Lady of Equatorial Guinea"

Dr. Ada Okika, Secretary General, US Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations New York State: "First Ladies of Africa Forum: Building Bridges for Peace and Health Disparity, Discussion of CSW agreed conclusions"

Nicole Field Brzeski, Executive Director, The First Ladies Community Initiative: "Community-based projects in cooperation with First Ladies of Africa"

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Projects of First Ladies of Africa: Advancing the MDGs

Panel at the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 58)



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