

Cameroon at the #AfWID2019

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WFAC at the #AfWID2019

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CONTEXT

ABOUT THE AFRICAN WOMEN IN DIALOGUE (AFWID)

AfWID is an inclusive platform of dialogue which seeks to unite African women from all walks of life under one roof to deliberate on issues of continental importance. It is an annual 5-day platform with its home in South Africa.

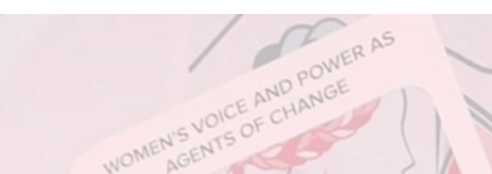
The week-long dialogue gives voice to the perspectives and experiences of thousands of African women. Its intent is to create a space to launch disruptive and innovative ideas ushering in new futures for a better Africa. The changes needed reside in the changes each one of us can make in our own capacity in the movement. From grassroots women to businesswomen, women in public service, rural and urban women, entrepreneurs, activists, academics, students and homemakers, we all have fruitful ideas, experiences and expertise on how to build our world with women at the centre.

Through informative presentations, interactive panel discussions as well as valuable training and workshop-based commissions, the forum provides an empowering space for participants to share, learn, reflect and network.

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ABOUT WFAC

Women for a Change, Cameroon is a subregional feminist advocacy, research, and awareness-raising organization working with and for women and girls sexual and reproductive health, leadership and development within the context of climate justice, peace and security across Central Africa. Rooted in feminist principles, we are dedicated to creating a world where women and girls can live fulfilling lives, free from systemic inequalities, violence, and discrimination.



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TOMBWOSHIE LIZETTE N.

Ms. Tombwoshie Lizette Nchokuno is a nursing degree student who holds a Higher Professional Diploma in Nursing. She is passionate about reproductive health, with particular interests in female reproductive health and rights. She possesses skills in general nursing procedures and first aid, which she gained during her six-month tenure at the St. John Baptist Catholic Health Center, Ndop. She is particularly keen on establishing professional relationships with patients, their families, and her nurse colleagues while maintaining high levels of confidentiality. She joins AfWID to add her voice in condemning all forms of violence and injustices against women in conflict settings, especially those related to their sexual and reproductive rights.



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MIH BIBIANA MBEI

Ms. Mih Bibiana Mbei is the CEO and Coordinator of BIHNDUMLEM Humanitarian Association of Peace and Hope, with over 17 years of experience in international cooperation, conflict prevention, and humanitarian action. She has a keen interest in poverty and hunger alleviation through agricultural investments, successfully training over 5,000 youths in this domain. Passionate about creating better spaces for women affected by conflicts and wars, she has mobilized and trained over 10,000 women in rural communities on gender equality, gender-based violence, and women's empowerment, contributing to the realization of sustainable development goals. Her work earned her the title of Global Goodwill Ambassador in 2019.

She serves on the Advisory Board of the Cameroon Women's Peace Movement (CAWOPEM) and is a member of the South West North West Women's Task Force. She comes to AfWID to amplify the voices of rural women affected by conflicts and to encourage other women to enhance their leadership skills and resilience.



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NDEFON BEATRICE

Mme. Ndefon Beatrice is a Hospital Administrator at Solidarity Health Foundation with over 20 years of experience in health management. She is passionate about acquiring new skills, empowering women and youths, particularly those made vulnerable by conflict. She prides herself on providing quality care and ensuring patient satisfaction, which earned her the 2018 award for Most Committed Worker at Solidarity Hospital. She is a member of the South West North West Women's Task Force and the Performance-Based Financing in Health group, as well as the Financial Secretary of SNWOT. At AfWID, she aims to contribute to ensuring women's voices are not undermined in policy-making and decision-making platforms.



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NJENU VERONICA

Madam Njenu Veronica is the CEO of Women as Agents of Transformation (WAAT), a gender expert passionate about women's empowerment and transformation for inclusive development. A social worker with four years of experience working with grassroots women, she specializes in research, gender equality, and women's empowerment. She has volunteered with organizations like KOICA under CEAC Bukova in Buea, Women for a Change Cameroon, and the Women Empowerment Education Project of the Presbyterian Church in Buea. She is a member of the Beijing+25 Cameroon Working Group. At AfWID, she represents grassroots women in discussions on inclusive development and transformation.



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CLEMENCE LEONIE YANKE-N.

Ms. Clemence Leonie YANKE-NGIJOE is a social entrepreneur, environmental activist, gender consultant, and founding president of Fondation NYB Shalom. With over 20 years of experience in women's socio-economic empowerment, advocacy, peacebuilding, and capacity-building, she has also been a leader in green economy initiatives, including waste management and valorization into green energies. She actively engages secondary school students and women on the Sustainable Development Goals and better waste management strategies. At AfWID, she aims to inspire women to engage in entrepreneurial activities and empower vulnerable women facing gender-based violence and discrimination.



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ZAINAB ABDULLAHI

Ms. Zainab Abdullahi is a community social worker dedicated to educating girls, ending child marriage, and promoting women as agents of change. She is the CEO and founder of Daraja Reube Mbororo Development Association, with four years of activism in sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, and women's empowerment. As a member of the Cameroon Beijing+25 Working Group, she leads the national movement on Inclusive Development, Shared Prosperity, and Decent Work for Women and Girls. At AfWID, she shares her experiences and advocates for dialogue to end violent conflicts and achieve sustainable peace in Africa.



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NINELLE PASCALE

Miss Ninelle Pascale is a communications expert, blogger, wheelchair model, and human rights activist for the disabled. Specializing in communication, fundraising, and advocacy for disabled women, she has raised funds to support 15 disabled children and children of disabled parents from rural communities through school. She is a member of Fiatope Association and Handifiers, where she helps entrepreneurs communicate their projects, raise funds, and develop initiatives. Named the 2019 Champion of the United Nations Cameroon Peace Crusade, she joins AfWID to amplify the voices of minority groups and secure alternative sources of funding for their causes.



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MBASSO JOSEPHINE

Ms. Mbasso Josephine is an entrepreneur with a Bachelor's degree in Food Processing and nine years of professional experience. She specializes in youth work training, particularly for members of poor communities who cannot afford formal education. As an educator with ACMS, she promoted the use of female condoms and received an award in 2006. Passionate about health and well-being, she joins AfWID to highlight the importance of girl-child participation in leadership positions.



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ITOE SIDOINE EMILIA

Ms. Itoe Sidoine Emilia is pursuing a Ph.D. in Conflict Resolution at the University of Buea. She is a social worker with one year of experience as a researcher and human rights activist at the Center for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa (CHRNA). She is passionate about advocating for human rights, particularly the sexual and reproductive rights of vulnerable women and girls. At AfWID, she contributes her knowledge and voice to the discourse, having already participated in drafting literature for the event.



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NEH FAITH NGANG EPSE CHE

Ms. Neh Faith Ngang Epse Che holds a Master's degree in Insurance, specializing in risk management. With five years of professional experience, she leads the women's association at her workplace, advocating for women's rights. As a gShe facilitator, she has empowered and educated youth on gender, sexuality, society, and health. She brings her expertise in social media advocacy and conflict-related challenges to AfWID, motivated to advance the rights of young girls and women.



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LADY EMMA LEBAGA

Ms. Lady Emma Lebaga is a gender expert, public relations professional, and financial business specialist with 37 years of experience. She holds a Master's in International Affairs and an MBA in Business Administration, focusing on gender, human rights, and political activism. As the founder of El Kemaly International, she is passionate about women's empowerment, girl-child education, peace, and justice. She has received recognition from the EAWL Network for her impactful contributions to women's development and empowerment.



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NADIA TARANG

Ms. Nadia Tarang is a Civil Engineer working at the Ministry of Public Works in Cameroon and a volunteer at the Association de Lutte Contre les Violences Faites aux Femmes. She holds two Master's degrees in Civil Engineering and has over eight years of experience as a civil engineer and consultant in public action. She is passionate about inclusive and sustainable development led by women and actively promotes girls' education and development. As a member of WOMENAGER, a group working on sustainable development projects for women, she attends AfWID to share her experiences with women from across the continent.



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LYDIENNE NKALEU

Ms. Lydienne Nkaleu is a social worker and President of the Comité d'Assistance à la Femme Nécessiteuse du Cameroun (CAFENEC), with over 15 years of experience advocating for widow's rights and rural women's access to land. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Communication and is passionate about Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Through her efforts, she has successfully mobilized approximately 500 women from the Western and Southern regions of Cameroon for training in entrepreneurship, leadership, and development. Ms. Nkaleu has also been instrumental in halting inhumane widowhood rites by influencing family heads. She is the founder of GIC de Transformations aux Profits des Femmes Rurales and a member of several women's association networks. She has participated in various training sessions and seminars on management and women's rights in Paris, Belgium, Switzerland, and London, and collaborates with organizations such as Widows for Peace and the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF) in Cameroon. She is also a recipient of the "Meilleure dans le programme de l'autonomisation des femmes rurales par la GREFC-Md Internationale" award.



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NJILI IRELENE MERCY MBINOH

Miss Njili Irelene Mercy Mbinoh is a student and holder of a GCE Ordinary Level certificate in Accounting. She is an advocate for women's participation in power and decision-making processes. She has participated in numerous training sessions organized by Women for a Change (WFAC) Cameroon and is an active member of the Beijing+25 Working Group. She brings to the African Women in Dialogue (AfWID) her perspective on the challenges faced by girls in her community.



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NWOES A. SANAM MARIE RENÉE

Ms. Marie Renée Nwoes is a student of Psychology and a social worker with over six years of experience advocating for the rights of LGBTQ women and addressing gender-based violence (GBV) against them. She is the founder of Women in Front Cameroon (WIFC), an organization that defends and promotes the sexual and mental health of vulnerable women and girls. WIFC offers services in human rights, sexual and reproductive health, leadership development, psychological counseling, and training in income-generating activities. Ms. Nwoes contributes her knowledge of the challenges faced by LGBTQ women in Cameroon and seeks to promote inclusivity by highlighting their struggles, fights, and victories against the dual oppression they face—as women and as individuals with diverse sexual orientations.



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TOTCHET SOMEN OUDRY FYNDIE

Ms. Totchet Somen Oudry Fyndie is a Master's student in Peace, Conflict Resolution, and International Relations at the Pan African Institute for Development – West Africa. She is deeply passionate about human safety and empowerment and has over three years of experience in peacebuilding, women's rights advocacy, and activism. She currently volunteers with Women for a Change (WFAC) Cameroon, assisting in the mobilization of women from nine countries in the Central African Region for the AfWID convening. Ms. Fyndie is also the founder of the association Mothers and More, which seeks to empower young mothers, and a member of the Youths Make a Difference Network and the Fight for Africa Movement. She brings her expertise in peace and conflict resolution, advocacy, and activism to AfWID, where she collaborates with other women to develop solutions to problems of continental significance.

Delegation Coordinator for AfWID 2019



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Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongdulo-Wondieh

Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongdulo-Wondieh is an award-winning feminist humanitarian, storyteller, and researcher with over 15 years of experience in gender and digital activism, movement building, policy advocacy, and youth leadership. She is the Executive Director of Women for a Change (WFAC) in Cameroon, where she designs and leads programs advancing women and girls' sexual and reproductive health rights, leadership, and empowerment. Her work creates inclusive spaces for women and girls to engage with policymakers at the highest levels, including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), while raising awareness of national and international women's rights protocols such as the Maputo Protocol and the Beijing Platform for Action.

Dr. Zoneziwoh's advocacy has transformed the lives of over a million girls and young women across the Central African subregion, expanding access for more than 100,000 to participate in critical national and international spaces where they can claim their rights and amplify their voices.

She currently serves as the Central Africa Subregional Coordinator for AfWID (the African Women's Development and Communication Network) and is a member of its steering committee. She regards AfWID25, the pan-African women's rights gathering marking the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, as a pivotal opportunity to connect with Africa's greatest minds and accelerate progress toward gender equality on the continent.

Dr. Zoneziwoh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Sciences, an MSc in Sex and Gender, and a PhD in International Relations and Conflict Resolutions. Her extensive contributions have cemented her place as a leading voice in the fight for gender justice and women's rights across Africa.



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