

Cameroon at the #AfWID2025

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WFAC at the #AfWID2025

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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.

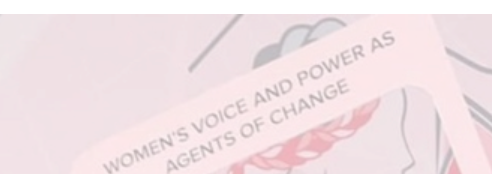
The week-long dialogue gives voice to the perspectives and experiences of thousands of African women. Its intent is to create a space to launch disruptive and innovative ideas ushering in new futures for a better Africa. The changes needed reside in the changes each one of us can make in our own capacity 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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SIRRI CYNTHIA WAKUNA N.

Sirri, a dedicated Project Manager with 6 years of experience, has specialized in Gender Equality, Women's Peace and Security, and Mediation. Her expertise has led her to write, win, and implement four impactful projects successfully. Sirri is passionate about advocating for women's rights and gender equality, contributing actively to professional networks like Women Mediators across the Commonwealth and the South West North West Women's Taskforce.

Her professional journey has been marked by significant achievements, including being honoured as the Youth Peace of the Year 2024 by the PCC Justice and Peace Center. At the 2025 AFWID program, Sirri looks forward to connecting with a network of resilient women, engaging in honest and in-depth dialogues on critical issues affecting African women, and sharing experiences and best practices to promote women's leadership and gender equality. Driven by a commitment to make a difference, Sirri is a dynamic and inspiring figure in the realm of gender advocacy and mediation.



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NANCY MAKEOH MAFOR

Nancy is a dynamic social worker with over 8 years of dedicated experience in empowering women and girls, youth leadership and development, and addressing gender-based violence (GBV) and violence against women and girls (VAWg). She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, which complements her extensive professional journey. Working across Buea, Douala, and Yaoundé, Nancy has made significant strides in her field. Her professional accomplishments include collaborating with Wfac to co-organize conferences and participating in key forums like Africa Disrupt CSW, CSW67, and CPD56. Through these platforms, she has successfully amplified the grassroots voices of women and girls on a global scale, ensuring their issues are at the forefront of discussions and that their voices are heard and valued.

Passionate about women's and girls' sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR), leadership, and development, Nancy has demonstrated her commitment by advocating for and pushing forward the concerns and needs of young women and girls. Her work connects local experiences with global conversations, making a tangible impact. As a member of GenEgaliteECCAS, Nancy is looking forward to her first participation in the 2025 AFWID forum. She is excited to be part of the Cameroonian delegation, eager to share her experiences, and keen to learn from other participants. Nancy sees this opportunity as a chance to exchange best practices and innovative solutions that can enhance her work back home. Nancy's dedication to her cause, combined with her ability to network and learn, makes her an invaluable asset to any forum she participates in. Her continuous efforts in advocating for gender equality and empowering women and girls underscore her passion and commitment to making a difference.



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KWA EPSE NGWANA Rosemary

Rosemary, a self-employed entrepreneur with a degree in Anthropology, has dedicated the past three years to running a successful restaurant in Yaoundé 2 (Tsinga). Specializing in traditional meals, she has skillfully combined her academic background with her passion for cultural cuisine, creating a unique dining experience that celebrates Cameroonian heritage. Rosemary's commitment to her profession is evident in the quality and authenticity of the meals she prepares. Her restaurant has become a local favourite, known for its delicious traditional dishes that bring people together.

Socially, Rosemary's participation in the AFWID program highlights her dedication to advocating for the rights of women and girls. She is eager to contribute her ideas and experiences to help build stronger and more effective resolutions to fight for gender equality. Her presence at the event underscores her commitment to making a difference and her desire to connect with like-minded individuals. Rosemary's contributions are not limited to her professional achievements. By attending the AFWID conference, she hopes to share her insights and learn from others, enhancing her ability to advocate for women's and girls' rights. Her passion for this cause and her active involvement in the community make her an inspiring figure, dedicated to creating positive change.



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MUSI MOUREEN

Moureen is an esteemed educator with 24 years of experience in teaching, specializing in History. With credentials including DIPES 1, DIPES II, a BA, an MA, and a current PhD student, she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her profession. Her speciality in Social History, particularly as a Medical Historian focusing on the causes, control, and management dynamics of diseases, underscores her commitment to understanding and addressing public health issues. Moureen's professional journey has seen her making significant contributions at GBHS Mbengwi, GHS Tudig, and other institutions in the Momo, North West Region. Her best achievements include teaching and evaluating the General Certificate of Education O-Level History, attending seminars to enhance teaching and learning processes, and acting as a facilitator for subject mock examination remedial conferences.

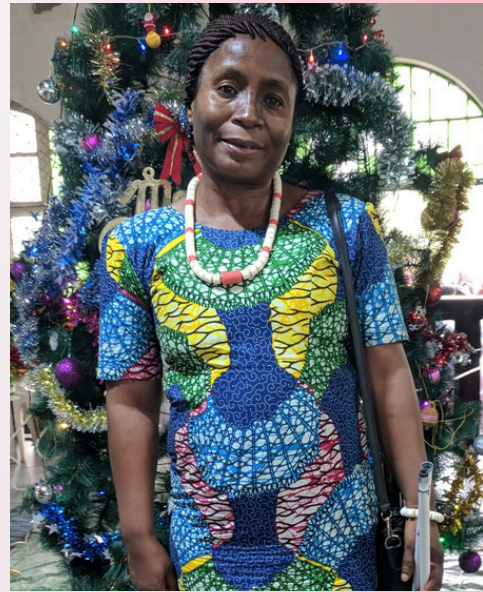
Socially, Moureen has made an impact by being a member of an NGO, Sustainable Programs for the Welfare of AIDS Victims (SUPROWAV), and as a member of the Association of People with Sickle Cell Cameroon (ASIPCAM). These NGOs focus on advocacy and improving the lives of affected individuals. Her contributions to the 2025 AFWID program are anticipated to be invaluable, with plans to share ideas on gender issues, peacebuilding in North West and South West crisis regions, and discussing women's health challenges, especially during crisis periods. She also hopes to return enriched with knowledge on gender issues. Moureen's expectations from the program include gaining a better understanding of the economic, social, and political problems women face in the continent and exploring possible solutions. Professionally recognized as a member of the History 560 O-Level markers, North West History Teacher Association, and Momo History Teacher Association, she is also a recipient of the Minister of Secondary Education's Excellence.



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WIRBA AMSHATU VERBE

Wirba Amshatu Verbe is a dedicated educator with a profound passion for teaching and an impressive 12 years of experience in the field. Based in Buea, her expertise extends to the specialized area of classical music, enriching her students' educational experiences with both knowledge and cultural appreciation. Madam Verbe's professional journey is marked by her commitment as a trained teacher, where she has made significant strides in shaping the minds of young learners. Her best achievements are rooted in her dedication to providing quality education and fostering a love for learning among her students.

A proactive member of the Cameroon Teachers Trade Union, Madam Verbe is actively involved in advocating for the rights and professional development of educators, as well as amplifying the voices of people with disabilities. Her contributions to AFWID reflect her deep-seated commitment to improving the status of women in African society. She brings valuable ideas on how to advance women's rights and empowerment. Madam Verbe eagerly anticipates the opportunity to connect with other African women from various walks of life at the AFWID conference. She looks forward to learning from their diverse experiences and sharing her own insights. Her dedication to education, her passion for classical music, and her commitment to women's empowerment make Madam Wirba Amshatu Verbe a truly inspiring figure. She embodies the qualities of a visionary educator and a champion for positive change in society.



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NDAH PELAGIE NDUM

Pelagie is a devoted Cameroonian nurse with a State Registered Nursing Diploma, she has over 2 years of experience in general nursing and emergency care. Pelagie honed her skills at the Regional Hospital Limbe, where her best achievements include saving lives and improving patient outcomes through skilled care, as well as educating students on internships. Socially, she is committed to educating the public on health promotion and disease prevention. She is very passionate about staying current with medical advancements, and advocates for the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Women and girls. Pelagie loves learning new things and looks forward to interacting with others, sharing knowledge, and gaining new experiences.



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WIRDIN BENICE MOSONI

Benice is a seasoned Resource Mobiliser with a Master of Science in Educational Management, specializing in Project Conception and Evaluation. With 15 years of rich experience, she has excelled in Project Management, Resource Mobilization, and Community Education. Throughout her career, she has contributed significantly to organizations such as Better World Cameroon (2009-2011), Child Aid Development Foundation International (2011-2019), and Women Inspire Cameroon (2020 to present). Her professional achievements include securing essential funding for these organizations. Socially, Benice has made remarkable strides in improving menstrual hygiene management and sanitation in schools by constructing three friendly latrines for boys and girls at GBHS Koutaba.

Additionally, she has empowered internally displaced girls and women in Odza, Yaoundé, by building their capacity to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health rights. As a member of GenEgaliteECCAS, Benice is passionate about advocating for girls and women's sexual reproductive health rights and their economic empowerment. At the 2025 AFWID program, she looks forward to networking with other inspiring women, sharing her experiences, and learning from others. Benice is dedicated to continuous learning and growth, always seeking new opportunities to innovate and make a positive impact. Her commitment to justice, good governance, and respect for human rights, especially for women and girls, drives her efforts and successes.



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DORIS MBIENWOBUEW

Doris Mbienwobuew is an accomplished educationist and teacher with 26 years of experience, specializing in digital security activism, particularly Online Gender-Based Violence (OGBV). Based in Bamenda, she has made significant contributions to education and training, bringing together women leaders to emphasize the importance of online safety. In February 2025, Doris will present a session at RightsCon2025 in Taipei, Taiwan, a prestigious global convening on human rights and technology. Professionally, Doris is a teacher trainer, school administrator, and a Safe Sister, committed to fostering a safe and empowering environment for women and girls.

Her contributions to the 2025 AFWID program are driven by her expectation that deliberations will further empower and build resilience among African women and girls. As a member of GenEgaliteECCAS, Doris is passionate about addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Online Gender-Based Violence (OGBV). She looks forward to connecting with a network of resilient women, engaging in honest dialogues on critical issues, and sharing best practices to promote women's leadership and gender equality. Doris Mbienwobuew's dedication to her profession and her activism makes her a formidable advocate for women's rights and online safety, inspiring positive change and empowerment.



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SCHOLAR MALOKE

Scholar, a distinguished journalist with 21 years of experience in both audiovisual and print media, holds a university degree and has built a remarkable career. Specializing in news gathering, treatment, and reporting, she has worked with notable media outlets such as Dynamique FM Douala, Eden Media Group Limbe, The Star Newspaper Limbe, Mediafrique Radio Buea, and CRTV Littoral in Douala. Her notable achievements include educating and informing audiences on significant issues. As an achievement, Scholar had covered three presidential elections, attended three health summits in India, and won the Tourism and Cross-cultural Reporter of the Year award 2024.

Scholar is recognized nationwide for her exceptional reporting skills, she has twice been acknowledged as the best worker at her station. She is an active member of several professional associations, including the Cameroon Association of Media Professionals (CAMP), the Association of Media Professionals in Central Africa for the Promotion of Peace and Fight against Hate Speech, and the Female Journalists Association for Central Africa. Her passions include promoting women's rights, news writing, reading, and adventure. Scholar is known for her simplicity, accommodating nature, and unwavering enthusiasm for sharing her experiences and expertise, which significantly strengthens the ongoing efforts in advocating for the rights of women and girls.



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AKONG FLORENCE ANWI

Akong Florence Anwi is a dedicated and passionate educator with a CAPIEMP and a Bachelor's degree in Educational Psychology. With three years of teaching experience, she has been instrumental in shaping the minds of primary school pupils in Douala Bonaberi. Florence is committed to changing and impacting positive values in the lives of young children, transforming slow learners into average learners, and fostering a sense of unity and peace among individuals. She excels in advising people, resolving conflicts, and educating the public on the importance of living together harmoniously. From her day-to-day experiences, Florence believes that unity is strength. She advocates for caring for every child and teaching them the importance of hospitality and kindness, which are core values of African culture.

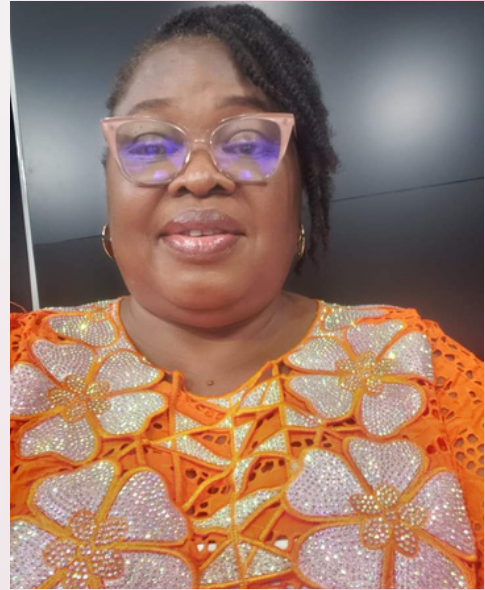
Florence stands firmly against discrimination, promoting integrity, accountability, confidence, resilience, and creativity as essential qualities for women and future leaders. Professionally, Florence was awarded one of the best teachers in 2018, receiving a set of plates in recognition of her outstanding performance. Her passion for learning, teaching, and cooking fuels her continuous growth and dedication to her profession. Florence looks forward to connecting and networking with like-minded individuals at the AFWID conference, where she aims to share her knowledge and experiences, and learn from others. She is eager to amplify her voice in proposing solutions to the problems affecting African women and girls, and to contribute to the ongoing efforts in promoting unity and positive change.



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MUMA BIH YVONNE

Yvonne is a formidable human rights defender and politician with a diploma in Community Development and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. With an impressive 35 years of experience, Yvonne has dedicated her career to mainstreaming gender in public policies, increasing women's political participation, and promoting the inclusion of women and girls in peace and security agendas. Yvonne's professional journey includes significant roles at the Society for Women and AIDS in Africa (SWAA), the National Assembly of Cameroon, and various consultancy positions with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Her notable achievements include the successful inclusion of gender in the electoral code and the organization of a women's peace convention. She also managed the HACL project, which trained women in income-generating activities and provided them with start-ups.

A co-winner of the German/African Peace Award in 2022 and the African Women Award for the Promotion of Gender in 2024, Yvonne's contributions to gender equality and women's rights are widely recognized. She is a founding member of the Network for More Women in Politics (MWP), the Cameroon Peace Women's Network (CAWOPEM), the Cameroon Peace Women's Convention Platform, the Social Democratic Front Party (SDF), and the Christian Women Fellowship (CWF).

Yvonne's passion for justice, good governance, and respect for human rights, especially the rights of women and girls, drives her tireless advocacy. Known for her sociable yet blunt personality, she is an outspoken critic of the government, always striving for positive change.

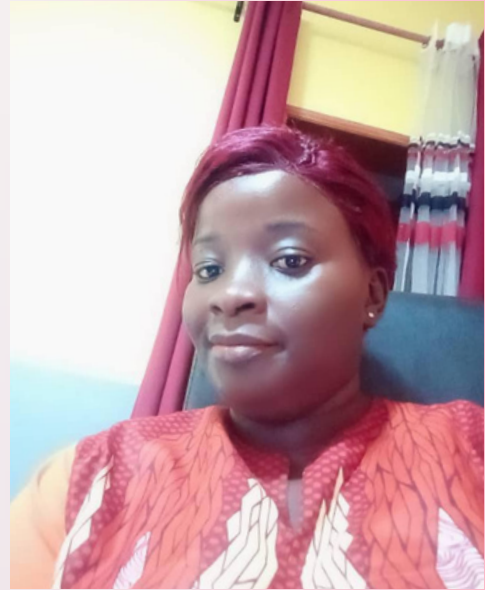
At the AFWID conference, Yvonne intends to learn and share best practices and experiences, amplifying her voice in proposing solutions to the challenges faced by African women and girls. Her dedication to her cause and her unwavering commitment to making a difference make her a truly inspiring figure.



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KINTE LOVELINE

Loveline, a dedicated and passionate educator, holds a Bachelor's degree and has been shaping young minds as a Social Science teacher for the past 9 years in Douala. Her unwavering commitment to education and excellence has earned her the prestigious Best Teacher Award, a testament to her exceptional skills and dedication. Loveline specializes in Social Science, where she brings a unique blend of knowledge and insight to her students, inspiring them to think critically and engage with the world around them.

Her expertise and dedication have made a significant impact in the classroom and beyond. Loveline is excited to attend the AFWID conference, where she aims to connect and network with like-minded individuals. She sees this as an opportunity to amplify her voice and propose solutions to the pressing issues affecting African women and girls. Her passion for advocating for the rights of women and girls drives her to be a vocal and active participant in discussions on gender equality and empowerment. Beyond her professional achievements, Loveline is a beacon of hope and inspiration, always striving to make a difference in the lives of those around her. Her enthusiasm for learning and teaching, combined with her dedication to advocacy, makes her a remarkable individual committed to positive change.



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NGO NDJENG EPSE SENDE DORA

Ngo Ndjeng Epse Sende Dora, a native of Cameroon, is the Coordinator of the Women's Collective for the Protection of the Environment and Children (COFEPRE). With degrees in Bilingual Secretariat and Business Administration, she has collaborated with international organizations, including the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the International Labour Organization. Dora is also a founding member of the Cameroonian Businesswomen's Association and the African Network for Supporting Women's Entrepreneurship (RASEF).

As a passionate advocate for environmental protection and children's rights, Dora actively participated in the Central Africa Feminist Forum held in Yaoundé in October 2024. The forum provided a vital platform for fostering collaboration among feminists across the subregion and advancing conversations on gender justice, environmental sustainability, and children's empowerment.

Dora's commitment to impactful advocacy continues to shape progressive actions for environmental conservation, child protection, and the empowerment of women entrepreneurs in Africa.



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NGWANA MARY

Mary is a dynamic and industrious Cameroonian businesswoman who has carved a remarkable path in the world of commerce. With a solid foundation from her elementary education, Mary embarked on her entrepreneurial journey, accumulating an impressive 30 years of experience as a trader. Mary's dedication and acumen have earned her a spot as one of the esteemed nominees attending the prestigious AFWID conference.

As a proud member of the Bafanji Women's Association in Douala, she actively contributes to her community and supports the empowerment of women. Her passion for marketing and her keen interest in investing and exploring new business trends set her apart as a forward-thinking and innovative entrepreneur. Mary's enthusiasm for staying ahead in the business world drives her continuous growth and success. Mary is more than just a trader; she is a visionary, always eager to learn, adapt, and thrive in the ever-evolving landscape of commerce. Her story is one of perseverance, passion, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.



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PAULETTE METANG

Paulette Metang is a distinguished and seasoned Executive Assistant with a rich background in Quantitative Management Techniques. Over the span of 41 years, she has dedicated her expertise to administrative services, earning a dignified retirement while continuing her passionate work in promoting and protecting the rights of girls and women for their dignity and well-being. This remarkable journey includes 31 years of impactful service with NGOs in Yaoundé. Professionally, Mrs. METANG has made significant strides, attending the notable Beijing Women's Conference in 1995 and contributing greatly to young girls' education and the eradication of early marriage.

Her work is far from over, as she remains actively involved in these causes, demonstrating that there is no retirement from her mission to uplift others. Her contributions to the AFWID program are expected to be profound. As a Senior Woman today, she is eager to share her wealth of experience from the Beijing Conference and beyond, fostering intergenerational solidarity and imparting valuable insights to young girls and women. Mrs. METANG is a proud recipient of three Medals of Honor for her work in 2010, a testament to her enduring commitment and excellence. She is actively involved with Generation Equality, WFAC, and COFEN, and is passionate about achieving gender equality, ending violence against girls and women, and ensuring the full enjoyment of women's rights. She looks forward to boosting intergenerational solidarity for a future that includes everyone and contributes to sustainable development. Her unwavering dedication and vast experience make her an inspiring figure and a beacon of hope and strength for many.

Central Africa Subregional Coordinator for AfWID



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Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbondgulo-Wondieh

Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbondgulo-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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JUANITA NCHAMA OWONO ETOHO

Equatorial Guinea



Juanita is guided by the motto **"Do Good without Looking at Whom"**. She is a dedicated banker and a staunch advocate for women's and youth empowerment. With a university education and 5 years of experience with AFWID, she brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to her roles. Professionally, Juanita has created the NGO "Mujer Levántate Connigo" (Women Rise with Me), dedicated to uplifting women. She collaborates with the Ministry of Women's Affairs and various platforms to advance women's rights. Her work with GenEgaliteECCAS is instrumental in reaching and supporting women across all sectors and levels.

Her contributions to the 2025 AFWID program are focused on advocating for the education and empowerment of African women, particularly in Central Africa. She emphasizes the importance of preparing future generations, especially young girls, through sensitization programs in schools and women's groups. Juanita is passionate about helping those interested in education and self-improvement, particularly women facing hardships like divorce. With a fervent desire to see women fully enjoy their rights, Juanita's work aims to foster unity and solidarity across Africa. She believes in the power of education, professional training centres, and financial support for women's NGOs to create lasting change.



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GORETE SOUSA

São Tomé and Príncipe



Gorete is a highly accomplished jurist and Specialist in Gender-Based Violence with 8 years of experience. She holds a Master's Degree in Children, Family, and Succession Law. Currently, she serves as a consultant for Social Safeguard and Gender-Based Violence and is the vice president of the Santo, which is the Association of Women Jurists. Gorete's impressive career includes positions at the Ministry of Justice, Public Administration and Human Rights, the Counseling Center Against Domestic Violence, the Ministry of Women's Rights, and consultancy roles with the World Bank and the Fiduciary Agency for Project Management in São Tomé and Príncipe. One of her notable achievements is participating in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in Washington, USA, focusing on combating gender-based violence.

Her professional and social efforts are dedicated to defending the rights of women and girls. At the 2025 AFWID program, Gorete looks forward to exchanging experiences with other African countries, establishing partnerships, and learning best practices to empower women and girls. She believes this event will be transformative and is eager to share and gain valuable insights. Gorete's passion for cultural events, art, cinema, dance, exhibitions, musicals, fashion, and gastronomy reflects her vibrant personality. A native of islands, she has a deep connection to the sea and water. She collects souvenirs from all the countries she visits, making her journey through a life rich and colourful.



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BIYA ZAKARIA HOSKI

Chad



Biya is a Chadian residing in N'Djamena. She is a senior midwife with a State Diploma in Obstetric Care, boasting 5 years of experience in her field. Specializing in promoting gender equality, she is dedicated to female reproductive health and the rights of women and girls. Her achievements include collaborating with various NGOs such as GenEgaliteECCAS, FEMNET, ASHAD, UNA CHAD, Wfac, and APDET, where she advocates for gender equality and human rights related to environmental issues, emphasizing the impact of climate change on individuals. Biya plans to highlight human rights topics related to the environment and the effects of climate change at the AFWID program.

Her contributions to the AFWID program, an inclusive annual dialogue platform, focus on uniting African women from diverse backgrounds to discuss significant continental issues. Biya aims to further the promotion and protection of women's and girls' rights, increase awareness of their status, and foster community responsibility and solidarity across Africa. She envisions a unified African feminist movement working towards the singular goal of ensuring that every woman fully enjoys her rights. Biya Zakaria Hoski's passion and commitment to her work make her a vital advocate for gender equality and women's rights.



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EDENG MARIE LAURE

Gabon



Madame Marie Laure is a distinguished professional in Public Health, boasting 29 years of experience. Specializing in Risk Communication and Community Engagement, Gender, Health and Climate, and Associative Life, she has made significant contributions to the Ministry of Health. Her professional achievements include developing disease control plans, conducting surveys, and participating in national and international capacity-building workshops.

Socially, she has created women's associations and cooperatives, defended women's rights, and participated in national, sub-regional, and regional meetings. As a member of several national, sub-regional, regional, and international associative networks, Madame Marie Laure is passionate about leadership, associative life, and sharing knowledge. She hopes that the 2025 AFWID program will positively impact the promotion of women's and girls' rights, fostering a change in mentality and community responsibility. She envisions a united Africa with feminists working towards a common goal: "A woman who fully enjoys her rights." Madame Marie Laure is committed to staying informed, taking initiatives, and continuously learning to drive positive change.



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CÉLINE NGON-BABA NOUFERE

Republic of Central Africa



Céline serves as the Coordinator for AFWID in the Central African Republic. With 23 years of experience in administrative roles, including 19 years at the Centre de Traitement Ambulatoire Hôpital Universitaire Communautaire de Bangui, she has had a profound impact on women's health, particularly in the context of HIV/AIDS care.

Her extensive education in leadership, management, entrepreneurship, and good governance, combined with her specialization in general administration, risk communication, counselling, and community engagement, positions her as a significant force in promoting women's rights and health. Céline's achievements include developing and implementing disease control plans, conducting vital surveys, and participating in numerous local and international capacity-building workshops. Socially, she has been pivotal in creating women's associations and cooperatives, defending women's rights, and participating in key national and regional discussions.

As an activist, Céline aims for the AFWID program to be a fruitful dialogue space leading to resolutions that benefit women, particularly in Central Africa. She envisions a collective awakening and empowerment among women, leading to a solidary and progressive Africa.

Her dedication is recognized with a Médaille dans l'ordre des chevaliers, and she holds various leadership positions including President of the Association Femmes de la Cité Jean 23, President and Coordinator of Mafubo Centrafrique, and Vice President of the Board of the Caucus of Women Leaders for Parity in the Central African Republic. She is also an active member of AWLN and GenEgaliteECCAS.



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BIBISSI HENRIANA HÉLÈNE MONICA D.

Republic of Congo



Monica, an ecologist by profession, holds a License in Ecology and has 5 years of experience in transforming fruits into juices and creating dietary dishes for individuals seeking healthy and balanced nutrition, including those with medical conditions.

Her specialization lies in environmental management and education, with a focus on waste recycling. Monica has worked with the city council and various oil companies, contributing significantly to environmental conservation.

From 2018 to 2024, Monica implemented the "Diabetes at School" project, raising awareness about diabetes in educational settings. Additionally, through the METANOIA program, she trained young diabetic girls in entrepreneurship from 2020 to 2024.

Professionally, she has excelled in developing social projects aimed at poverty reduction. Socially, her efforts have led to a decrease in diabetes-related deaths among women and children.

Monica's contributions to the 2025 AFWID program include raising awareness among African women about their societal roles and potential for change. She advocates for unity, aiming for women to be the voices for the voiceless, the strength for the weak, and role models for future generations.

An active member and project coordinator in the Association Cercle des Compagnons Volontaires, Monica is also an advocate in the fight against diabetes. Her accolades include a 2012 participation certificate for a project on the risks of illegal immigration and professional reintegration support, as well as a 2020 certificate in green entrepreneurship. Passionate about social entrepreneurship, charitable works, and well-being, Monica is an activist, entrepreneur, and educator, committed to making a positive impact.




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NEEMA BINTIBAKARI OLGA

Democratic Republic of Congo 

Neema holds a License in Social Sciences and has 8 years of experience as a Project Manager at IJEFA. Specializing in mobilization and advocacy for sexual and reproductive health rights, she works tirelessly in the field, particularly with marginalized and discriminated girls and adolescents in remote rural areas. Professionally, Neema has successfully organized young girls and adolescents at IJEFA into a movement focused on collecting, storing, and recycling plastic waste to protect the biodiversity of Lake Tanganyika. Socially, she has established clubs for young community change agents to promote a clean environment.

At the 2025 AFWID program, Neema aims to share her experiences, learn from others, and strengthen her leadership in advocating for the rights of long-marginalized minority groups. She is a member of GENEegalITECCAS, FEMNET, and the MAMA Network. Passionate about Congolese music, Neema is dedicated to creating positive change and uplifting her community.



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CECÍLIA JOSÉ QUITOMBE

Angola



Cecília a dedicated Coordinator, holds a Master's degree in Social Policy and boasts 10 years of experience in her field. As the Provincial Director of ADRA/ONDJANGO FEMINISTA, she has specialized in the procurement of social services, gender and development, family farming and technical assistance, and social advocacy. Throughout her career, Cecília has worked in various impactful roles, including Director of one of Angola's major civil society organizations, Director of Communications and Social Advocacy, and as a member of the Extractive Industry Transparency Committee. Socially, she co-coordinates the Ondjango Feminist Women's Collective and coordinates the Ondjango Feminista Annual Forum.

At the 2025 AFWID program, Cecília plans to actively participate and contribute her extensive knowledge of women's rights in Angola. She looks forward to addressing fundamental issues such as violence, participation, and peace, and aims to establish partnerships and exchange best practices with other African countries. Recognized by the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) for her contributions, Cecília is passionate about women's causes and is dedicated to safeguarding women's rights in all spaces. Her commitment to making a difference is reflected in her continuous efforts to promote gender equality and empower women.



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