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As we know, no gains are made without struggle. We are standing today on the shoulders of many of our sisters who sacrificed so much in the past. Whether it is a leader such as **Aline Siteo Diatta** of Senegal or a market woman selling food to pay for her daughter's education, or **Lina Magaia** of Mozambique who led women in the struggle for peace — we owe them a huge debt and we owe it to them to continue that struggle. This booklet is a compilation of African Women Pioneers and it is dedicated to all women of Africa including the new generation.

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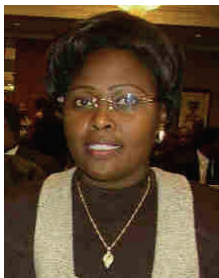
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PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN IN AFRICAN PARLIAMENTS

- 49 % of the Rwandan Members of Parliament are women
- 33 % of the South African Members of Parliament are women
- 30 % of the Mozambique Members of Parliament are women

WOMEN IN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS



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WOMEN IN AFRICAN MECHANISMS



Mrs Graça Machel is a member of the Panel of Eminent Persons of the African Union,



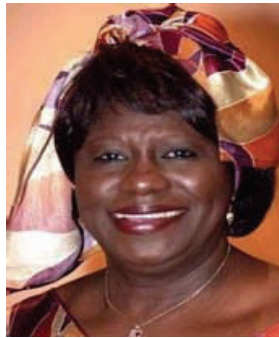
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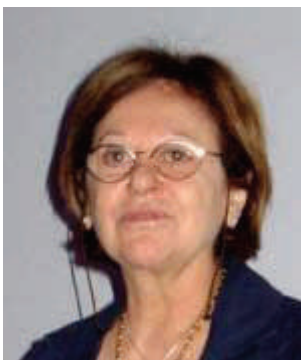
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