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Nominate Your President Now!

This is a call to request your nomination of an African country through its President who has shown extraordinary accountability, consistency, commitment and visibility to Gender Mainstreaming.

The African Gender Award (AGA) has been instituted in order to observe the initiatives and advancement of gender mainstreaming made by African Heads of States, who adopted the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA)¹; and which are guided by the “Gender is My Agenda Campaign” domains.

The domains to be considered include: gender mainstreaming in peace processes; the systematic prohibition of the recruitment of child soldiers; the guarantee of women’s land, property and inheritance rights; respect for human rights and the implementation of gender-specific economic, social, and legal measures on HIV/AIDS.

The first edition of the AGA in 2005, celebrated **President Wade** of Senegal and **President Mbeki** of South Africa, in celebration of their work towards gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the African Union. The 2007 edition celebrated the exceptional achievements of **President Kagame** who integrated women into Rwanda’s policy making institutions, demonstrated by a series of political and legislative reforms, which has made Rwanda an exemplary country for the entire world.

In the spirit of mobilizing networks around this common agenda, and in respect of the gender award stipulated qualifications we would like herewith to invite **Governments, CSOs, Private sector members, International Organizations** to propose nominees. The process of selecting the Award recipient is conducted by the Selection Committee, an international team composed of outstanding independent experts, representatives of African women’s networks, the civil society, the private sector/organizations, FAS members and partners.

Please address your proposal, by fully documenting your candidate in the attached nomination form, including the nomination criteria, to the Award Selection Committee, through the Officer in charge of the African Gender Award at FAS Regional Bureau (Dakar), Mrs. Coumba Fall, at the address below, by **January 12th 2011**.

For further information please visit our website, www.africangenderawards.org.

¹ For information on the SDGEA kindly visit <http://www.fasngo.org/international-frameworks.html>

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2011 AFRICAN GENDER AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

Nominated Country:

Nominated Head of State:

Nominator Information

Organization:

Contact Person (full name):

Title:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Country:

Telephone (Intl code):

Fax:

E-mail:

Experience in the Nominated country:

How did you learn about the African Gender Award?

Date:

Signature of Nominator:

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Nomination criteria based on the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA)

Country performances towards the implementation of the SDGEA. Please describe the country achievements according to the criteria below.

Only fully completed nominations shall be considered

Governance

- Promotion of the gender parity principle.
- Protection of human rights for women and girls, including the right to development.
- Guarantee of women's land, property and inheritance rights.

Peace and Security

- Gender mainstreaming of peace processes
- Systematic prohibition of the recruitment of child soldiers
- Systematic prohibition of the abuse of girl children as wives and sex slaves.
- Campaigning against gender-based violence.
- Systematic prohibition of trafficking in women and girls.

Human rights

- Enforcement of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa.

Health

- Implementing gender-specific economic, social and legal measures on HIV/AIDS.
- Realization of AIDS Watch Africa as a unit within the Office of the Chairperson of the Commission of the AU.

Education

- Education of girls and increasing the literacy of women, especially in rural areas.

Economic empowerment

- Realization of an African Trust Fund for Women for the purpose of building the capacity of African women.

Deadline of submission: **January 12th 2011 via facsimile (+221 860 20 47),**

Email: africangender@fasngo.org or postal mail as below:

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