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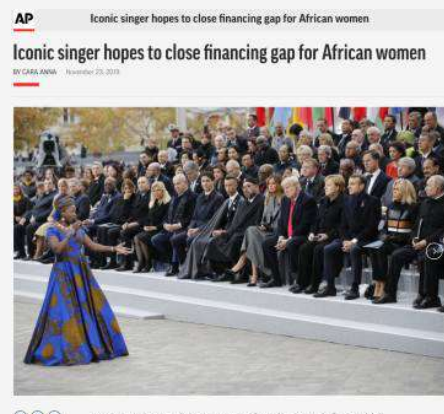
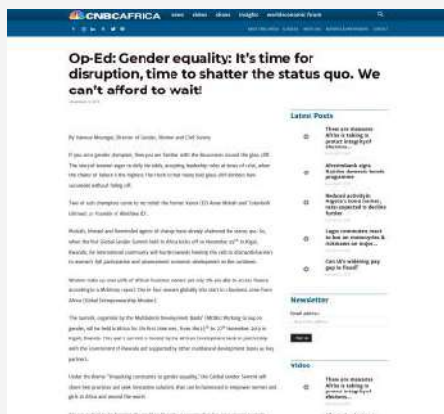
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Global Gender Summit: AfDB on tackling barriers to empowerment, gender equality on the continent

CNBC Africa spoke with Jennifer Blanke, Vice President Agriculture, Human and Social Development at the African Development Bank Group on the side-lines of the Global Gender Summit in Kigali about what can be done further to unpack constraints towards gender equality in Africa.

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A Kigali, les leaders africains veulent combler le gap entre les hommes et les femmes


Par **Dominique Mabika** - 26 novembre, 2019

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C'est la première fois que le Sommet mondial sur le genre, organisé tous les deux ans, est accueilli par un pays africain. A Kigali, différents dirigeants de tout le continent étaient présents, y compris le président éthiopien Sahle-Work Zewde, l'ancienne présidente malawienne Joyce Banda, le président de la Banque africaine de développement (BAD), M. Akinwumi Adesina, et d'autres hauts dignitaires.

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A* Commençons par un chiffre édifiant : bien que les femmes représentent plus de 50 % de la population du continent, elles ne généraient que 33 % de son PIB en 2018. C'est ce constat qui a conduit le Rwanda, l'un des pays pilotes en matière d'égalité hommes-femmes et la Banque africaine de développement a organisé chaque année depuis quatre ans, à Kigali, le Sommet mondial sur le genre. Alors que l'Afrique est actuellement l'une des économies les plus dynamiques du monde, la persistance des inégalités de genre limite encore trop son potentiel. On ne dit pas que la dynamique n'est pas là, il y a bien sûr de plus en plus d'histoires de réussite de femmes au sommet, les rencontres se

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Soutenir les femmes africaines pour mieux bâtir l'avenir

Au dernier sommet du G7 à Biarritz, le président Emmanuel Macron, le président de la Banque africaine de développement Akinwumi Adesina ainsi qu'Angélique Kidjo, artiste béninoise et avocate inlassable des droits de la femme, ont annoncé une contribution exceptionnelle du G7 en faveur de l'initiative Afawa (Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa), qui sera officiellement lancée lors du sommet mondial sur le genre du 25 au 27 novembre, à Kigali au Rwanda.

Angélique Kidjo, le 25/11/2019 à 14:49 Modifié le 25/11/2019 à 16:29



Les femmes sont la colonne vertébrale de l'Afrique. Pourtant, elles font aujourd'hui face à un déficit de financement de 42 milliards de dollars, et plus des trois quarts d'entre elles sont exclues des circuits de financement

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Global Gender Summit 2019: “Put prejudice behind us and give women access to finance” says Akinwumi Adesina

November 29, 2019



Kigali, Rwanda, 25 November 2019 – African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina has called for greater access to finance for African women when he addressed the inaugural session of the Global Gender Summit.

“When women borrow, they always repay. And 90% of them repay their loans without the least problem. So, where is the risk? The problem is prejudice and the banks' lack of flexibility. We must leave this behind to allow women access to financing,” President Adesina urged.

The session headed “Unlocking women's access to finance in Africa” had a panel of high-level speakers, including Salimata Diop Dieng, the Senegalese Minister of Women, Family and Gender; Andrew Temu, President of the African Guarantee Fund; Kennedy Uzoka, President and CEO of United Bank of Africa (UBA); Joséphine Anan-Ankomah, CEO of Ecobank Group; and Christine Ngiriye, an entrepreneur.

Salimata Diop Deng said, “It is important that financial institutions support initiatives from women. They have the market gardens and produce to process. They create start-ups in innovative areas. But they lack resources and collateral, and the procedures for accessing loans are complicated. These women have relatively moderate finance needs, just enough to create projects and jobs. They need support from the private sector and the banks to help them weave their way into the economy.”

Andrew Temu advocated “holding discussions with countries to improve the business

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Op-Ed: Gender equality: It's time for disruption, time to shatter the status quo. We can't afford to wait!

November 22, 2019

By Vanessa Mounzar, Director of Gender, Women and Civil Society

If you are a gender champion, then you are familiar with the discussions around the glass cliff. The story of women eager to defy the odds, accepting leadership roles at times of crisis, when the chance of failure is the highest. The truth is that many bold glass cliff climbers have succeeded without falling off.

Two of such champions come to my mind: the former Xerox CEO Anne Mulcah and Tokunboh Ishmael, co-founder of Aliethia IDF.

Mulcah, Ishmael and likeminded agents of change have already shattered the status quo. So, when the first Global Gender Summit held in Africa kicks off on November 25th in Kigali, Rwanda, the international community will hurtle towards heeding the calls to dismantle barriers to women's full participation and advancement economic development on the continent.

Women make up over 40% of African business owners yet only 2% are able to access finance according to a McKinsey report. One in four women globally who start in a business come from Africa (Global Entrepreneurship Monitor).

The Summit, organised by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group on gender, will be held in Africa for the first time ever, from the 25th to 27th November 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. This year's summit is hosted by the African Development Bank in partnership with the Government of Rwanda and supported by other multilateral development banks as key partners.






Under the theme "Unpacking constraints to gender equality," the Global Gender Summit will share best practices and seek innovative solutions that can be harnessed to empower women and girls in Africa and around the world.

We are excited to be bringing the world to Rwanda, a country that has set a strong example when it comes to promoting women's rights and representation.

Rwanda was the first country in the world with a female majority in parliament, currently at 67.5 %, following October parliamentary polls. Out of a total parliamentary membership of 80, women occupy 54 seats. This feat puts the nation ahead of even the most developed nations.

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JOHANNESBURG — One of Africa's iconic artists is the voice of a new project aimed at rewriting laws across the continent that keep millions of women from becoming a more powerful economic force. Singer Angelique Kidjo is helping the African Development Bank launch an effort to close a \$42 billion financing gap in a region where one in four women starts or manages a business. That's the highest female entrepreneurship rate in the world.

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Every time credit is refused to African women, who invest some 96% of what they earn in educating their children and supporting families and communities as opposed to about 40% for men, it's a disaster, Kidjo said. "We're talking up reducing the poverty rate in Africa to the smallest number ever. That's my passion. That's why

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The Democratic Republic of Congo should move ahead with the Inga III hydropower project even if it means building a version of the dam that's smaller than the one currently being proposed by developers, said Akinwumi Adesina, head of the African Development Bank.

The Inga III dam on Africa's second-longest river would be the biggest hydroelectric power station on the continent and provide much-needed electricity to Congo and other nations, including South Africa. The dam is part of a long-delayed plan known as Grand Inga that's eventually intended to harness as much as 40,000 megawatts of power from the Congo River.

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KIGALI (Reuters) - African countries need to diversify export markets and add value to raw materials as a trade war between the United States and China threatens to hit growth, the African Development Bank (AfDB) president said on Monday.

The continent's economy is expected to expand by 3.4% this year

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Bring women to the table to build peace in Africa, say gender experts



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Women bear the brunt of conflict and for peace building to be successful they must be involved in conflict resolution and reconstruction at every stage, said gender experts at the 2019 Global Gender Summit in Kigali on Tuesday.



Speakers at a plenary session on peacebuilding called for home-grown solutions to conflict and the participation of women in policy and decision making at local, national and regional levels.



Comments "Africa needs to silence the guns. We need to develop our own action plans, not waiting for donor organizations and development partners," said Bineta Diop, the African Union's Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security. "Most of the time we don't look at what fuels the conflicts. We need to invite women to the table of discussions and negotiations."

The Senegalese women's rights activist noted that Africa is home to one third of the global refugee population, the majority of them women and children. Frameworks on peace and conflict resolution need to be urgently implemented, she said.

"The African Union is leading with initiatives in this regard, but we require everyone one board," Diop said, noting the African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA), initiative.

The African Development Bank and the government of Rwanda are hosting the Global Gender Summit from 25 to 27 November in Kigali. The Summit, held for the first time in Africa, is being organized by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working

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En marge du Sommet mondial sur le Genre ou Global Gender Summit 2019 » qui se tient depuis lundi à Kigali, cinq conventions ont été signées, mardi, entre plusieurs institutions financières qui se sont engagées à garantir l'accès au financement aux femmes africaines pour la réalisation de leurs projets.



Ce sont au total cinq conventions visant à réduire les risques liés aux prêts qui ont été signées l'une après l'autre entre UBA Bank, Attijariwafa Bank, le Fonds africain de garantie (AGF), The Bank of Industry Ecobank et la BAD en appui au programme AFAWA (Affirmative finance action for women in Africa) initié par la Banque africaine de développement (BAD).

Ces accords de partenariat avec la BAD, découlent de l'une des trois dimensions qui fait l'objet des travaux de l'édition 2019 du sommet sur le Genre: l'intensification des financements innovants.

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Global Gender Summit Kigali 2019: la plateforme "50MAWS" pour relier 50 millions de femmes d'affaires africaines

Par **Dominique Mabika** - 30 novembre, 2019

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A Kigali, l'Afrique fortement engagée pour l'approche genre à l'instar du président Paul Kagamé du Rwanda, du président de la Commission de l'Union Africaine, Moussa Faki Mahamat ou encore du président de la BAD, Akinwumi Adesina.

Dominique Mabika, envoyée spéciale à Kigali.

A l'issue du sommet mondial sur le genre tenu cette semaine à Kigali, les nombreux pays africains présent à l'occasion ont décidé de lancer une plateforme qui mettra en réseau 50 millions de femmes entrepreneurs. Dénommée « 50 Million African Women Speak » (50MAWS), cette initiative vise à relier 50 millions de femmes d'affaires africaines à travers une plateforme

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Iconic Singer Hopes to Help African Women Get Credit

By Associated Press

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FILE - Benin's Angelique Kidjo performs in front of heads of states and world leaders at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, Nov. 11, 2018. Kidjo is working to rewrite laws across Africa to allow women to become a more powerful economic force.

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Women invest 90%

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"We're taking up reducing the poverty rate in Africa to the smallest number ever. That's my passion. That's why I'm here," she added.

She will help the African Development Bank next week launch AFAWA, or Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa. Already the G-7 group of the world's major democracies has

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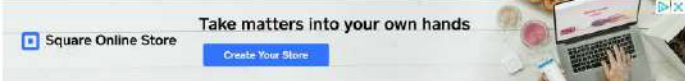


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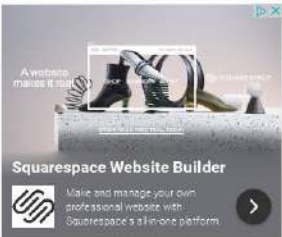
Op-Ed: How the AFAWA initiative is empowering women to propel Africa forward

December 2, 2019

By Angelique Kidjo

In African cultures, women play a nurturing role, they are the backbone of the continent. Yet, they face a \$42 billion-dollar financing gap with over 3/4 of them being financially excluded.

This means that when it comes to lending money, women are systematically seen as high-risk by financial institutions. In Africa, viable guarantees often come in the form of land and properties, both of which are rarely accessible to women. Land is, indeed, the most critical economic resource for the vast majority of the population in rural areas who depend on agriculture for their livelihoods. Yet, throughout many African countries, women have less access, control, and ownership of this key assets and their land rights are less secure. This often limits women's economic opportunities and leaves them more vulnerable to poverty.



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Rwanda's First Lady Jeannette Kagame speaks at the 4th edition of the Global Gender Summit in the Rwandan capital Kigali on Monday, November 25 2019. COURTESY: TWITTER/First Lady of Rwanda

Rwanda's First Lady Jeannette Kagame on Monday urged all stakeholders to be more innovative and relentless in their commitments to invest in, and level the field for everyone, especially women and girls.

The First Lady spoke during the opening of the 4th edition of the Global Gender Summit in the Rwandan capital Kigali.

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Global Gender Summit: Rwanda commits \$1mn contribution to AFAWA

The government of Rwanda through its minister of finance yesterday committed herself to contribution of \$1 million to the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) Risk-Sharing Facility on the sidelines of the ongoing Global Gender Summit. CNBC africa's Arnold Kwizera spoke to Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Uzziel Ndagijiminana for more.

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KIGALI, Rwanda, Nov 28 2019 (IPS-Partners) – “We’ve known it from the beginning that equality and women’s empowerment is the true way for sustainable development,” Rwanda’s Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Solina Nyirahabimana told reporters at a 2019 Global Gender Summit press conference on Tuesday.



“During this past 25 years, we have been concentrating on gender equality, starting by creating a conducive environment, uprooting, revising, and abolishing discriminative laws. We’ve worked tirelessly to have women included in the financial sector,” Nyirahabimana said.

“When you don’t understand women, you can’t serve them.”

More than 1,200 delegates are in Kigali, Rwanda for the 2019 Global Gender Summit including distinguished guests such as the President of Rwanda Paul Kagame; the President of Ethiopia, Sahle-Work Zewde; the African Union Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat, and the First Ladies of Rwanda and Kenya. Also in attending are representatives of the heads of state of Gabon, Mali, Senegal, Chad, and the King of Morocco and gender ministers from Niger, Somalia, Senegal, South Sudan, Tunisia, and Libya.

African Development Bank Group Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, Dr. Jennifer Blanke, told journalists that much of Summit conversation centered around growing awareness that women need to be part of the development solution. “Women are a force to be unleashed and supported to ensure that they can really do their part in development in Africa. Women are already such a hugely important part of the development process,” she said.

Key highlights from the 2019 Global Gender Summit include the:

- **Launch of the risk-sharing facility for the Bank-led Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa, or AFAWA, programme** – to support the program’s three-pronged approach, which seeks to quickly close the gender gap by facilitating **access to finance**, providing **technical assistance** and **creating an enabling business environment** for women-led businesses to thrive.
- **50 Million African Women Speak** – a new Pan-African networking platform and web and mobile-based application to directly connect 50 million African women entrepreneurs. The platform links women to financial institutions and provides networking opportunities across Africa.
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Fighting for gender equality is common sense, says Kagame



By Julius Bizimungu



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Some of the high-profile delegates at the Global Gender Summit with President Paul Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame in a group photo. The summit seeks to find solutions to persistent gender inequalities. Village Urugwiro.

President Paul Kagame on Monday told participants from different parts of Africa that promoting gender equality on the continent is simply common sense.

He was addressing leaders from public and private sector

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Global Gender Summit: AGF & Attijariwafa Bank sign MoU to fund women-owned businesses in Africa

The Chairman of Africa Guarantee Fund (AGF), Andrew Temu says they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Attijariwafa Bank to leverage over \$50 Million to serve women-owned and managed enterprises in North Africa. CNBC Africa's Kenneth Igbomor caught up with Andrew Temu on the sidelines of the Global Gender Summit in Kigali.

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The Kigali Convention Centre will be in orange colors to night as Rwanda joins the world in fight against Gender based violence

Tonight the Kigali Convention Center(KCC) dome will be lit orange to mark the start of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, an event which coincides with the ongoing Global Gender Summit.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

It was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Center for Women's Global Leadership.

It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

Last year, Rwandans marched to say halt to gender based violence.



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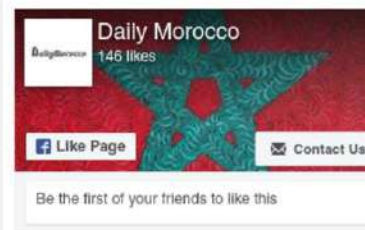
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In addition to the Global Gender Summit, which is taking place this year in Kigali from 25 to 27 November 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Attijariwafa bank group and the African Guarantee Fund (AGF) group has been signed, whose main objective is to encourage the financing of small and medium-sized enterprises.

This agreement will enable the Attijariwafa bank group to support the female entrepreneur with portfolio guarantees on the one hand, and to provide technical support, in partnership with the African Guarantee Fund, to SMEs in all the Group's presence countries.

This agreement was signed by Hicham Fadili, Director of Business Development at International Retail Banking, and Jules Ngankam, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of African Guarantee Fund Group.

On this occasion, Mohamed El Kettani, Attijariwafa bank group CEO said: "The signing of this Memorandum is the realization of a strong partnership between two major Groups very involved in the development of Africa. Our Group has always supported entrepreneurs and in particular the woman entrepreneur who is

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Dr Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank has called for greater access to finance for African women.

A statement by the bank said that Akinwumi made the call when he addressed the inaugural session of the Global Gender Summit.

News Agency of Nigeria reports that AfDB and the government of Rwanda are hosting the Global Gender Summit from November 25 to 27 in Kigali.

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Closing the gender gap in Africa and achieving gender parity in all aspects of society has become an urgent imperative as gender inequality has widened even further this year compared to last year.

This was the message delivered by delegates at the inaugural Global Gender Summit hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Kigali, Rwanda this week.

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Global Gender Summit: AFAWA targets \$42bn to bridge finance gap for African women

The Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) has set its target on bridging the \$42 billion finance gap women face on the continent, CNBC Africa's Arnold Kwizera spoke to Director of Gender, Women and Civil Society at the African Development Bank, Vanessa Mounzar for more.

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Sommet mondial sur le genre : Kagamé appelle au positionnement des femmes en Afrique



Par **Guy Hassane Yapi**

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Depuis le 25 novembre, les assises de Kigali sur le genre ont officiellement démarré dans la capitale rwandaise, en présence de plusieurs hautes personnalités.

Autour du thème central « Éliminer les obstacles à l'égalité des sexes », la 4^e édition du Sommet mondial sur le genre a ouvert ses portes à « Kigali convention center » au Rwanda. L'objectif de ses assises, faut-il le rappeler, est de partager les meilleures pratiques et de catalyser les investissements afin d'accélérer les progrès en matière d'égalité des sexes et d'autonomisation des femmes en Afrique et dans le monde. Ce sont plus de 600 personnes venues des quatre coins du monde qui prennent part à cet important sommet dédié au genre.

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Africa's only female President, Sahle-Work Zewde of Ethiopia, said Ethiopia's parliament is one of the only two on the continent with over 50% gender parity in seats, and women currently hold key ministerial roles in defense and national security for the first time (PHOTO/Courtesy)

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Selon ladite présentation, le Cameroun, la République démocratique du Congo (RDC), l'Éthiopie, le Gabon, le Ghana, le Kenya, Madagascar, la Mauritanie, le Mozambique, la Tanzanie, le Togo, l'Ouganda, et la Zambie sont des pays moyens. Leurs scores sont en progression vers la parité au travail et dans la société, en comparaison avec d'autres pays africains.

Ainsi, selon le McKinsey Global Institute, le Cameroun obtient une note de 0,53 sur 1, pour ce qui concerne la parité au travail ; 0,71 pour l'ouverture de l'économie formelle et informelle aux femmes ; 0,35 pour ce qui est de la protection légale des droits des femmes dans le domaine de la politique ; 0,78 pour la protection de l'intégrité des femmes ; 0,62 sur les inégalités liées au genre dans la société ; une note de 0,52 pour l'accès aux métiers professionnels et techniques, etc. Le score final du Cameroun pour la parité en matière du genre est de 0,59 sur 1.

Les pays leaders du continent sont : l'Afrique du Sud (0,76), la Namibie (0,72), le Rwanda (0,69), le Zimbabwe (0,66) et le Lesotho (0,64).

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« Le risque sera partagé avec d'autres partenaires [BAD, Ecobank, Attijariwafa, Fonds africain de garantie]. Nous serons en mesure de donner plus de crédits. En demandant moins de garanties, nous serons très créatifs. Nous étudierons les possibilités de financement des entreprises par les flux de trésorerie. Sur cette base, nous pourrions accorder des prêts plutôt que de dépendre uniquement de la garantie (...). Il y aura une croissance de crédits de l'ordre de 50% d'ici un an », a expliqué Babatunde Ajayi (photo), représentant de UBA. Il a ajouté : « si nous donnons environ 20 millions de dollars par an, nous voulons atteindre au moins 30 millions de dollars la première année et atteindre 40 millions de dollars l'année suivante ».

M. Ajayi a, en plus, expliqué le mécanisme d'octroi et de remboursement de ces crédits : « Vous devez examiner le flux de trésorerie et le cycle économique des projets à financer. C'est comme cela que l'on décide et ce ne sera pas trop restrictif. Pour ceux qui nécessiteront jusqu'à un an, nous pourrions leur donner deux ans ». Le responsable de UBA a précisé que le taux d'intérêt sera inférieur au taux du marché. Le niveau de risque sera réduit. La banque demandera moins de garanties.

Le président de la Banque africaine de développement (BAD), Akinwunmi A. Adesina, a commenté cet engagement d'UBA en rappelant, pour le déplorer, qu'en Afrique, 70% des femmes sont victimes d'exclusion financière. Pourtant, ces femmes, qui représentent la majorité des exploitants agricoles, font encore face à un déficit de financement de près de 16 milliards de dollars.

C'est la raison pour laquelle, a-t-il expliqué, la BAD a lancé le financement en faveur des femmes en Afrique, pour mobiliser, dans un premier temps, un montant de 3 milliards de dollars de nouveaux prêts que les banques et les institutions financières vont débloquent en faveur des femmes en Afrique et notamment au Cameroun.

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Jeannette Kagame emphasises need to invest in gender equality



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First Lady Jeannette Kagame delivers her remarks at a high-level plenary session during the Global Gender summit in Kigali yesterday. Courtesy.

First Lady Jeannette Kagame has said that to fully realise the economic gains for women and girls is as much everyone's responsibility, as it is about making the right investments, especially in closing gender gaps.

She was speaking at the Global Gender Summit during a high-level panel session themed; "Realising a Demographic Dividend through Investments in Gender Equality", which tackled priority interventions in addressing persisting gender inequalities.

Despite the solid role that they have historically played in societies, Mrs Kagame said women have been disempowered.

"Growing up I thought and I actually believed, that 'what a man can do, a woman can do just as well.' I maintain that stand," she said.

"As fate would have it, the irony of our dark history, suddenly threw our women into a multitude of roles, as they had to be the mothers, husbands, fathers, brothers, comforters and guardians," she added.

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Despite remarkable progress made on women's participation in policymaking, Africa is still far from achieving the 50 percent gender parity target set by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Between 1995 and 2018, the proportion of women in African parliaments almost tripled from 8% to 23% but remains insufficient. Out of 11,037 African parliamentarians as of October 2018, only 2,591 were women and out of 1,348 ministers on the continent only 302, or 22%, were women¹.

The challenges in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, will be the focus of the Global Gender Summit to be held in Kigali, Rwanda from the 25-27 November. The Summit, hosted by the African Development Bank in partnership with the Government of Rwanda, will spotlight innovative financing, fostering an enabling environment and ensuring women's participation and voices.

Mainstreaming gender in policymaking in Africa is crucial for at least three main reasons. First, women are the main driving labor force in most African countries, making a vital contribution to the economy. Empirical studies, including the African Development Bank's own research², have found that if women had equal access to productive resources such as land, modern inputs, technology, or financial services, then the gender productivity gap in agriculture of 20%-35% would almost disappear.

This suggests that African countries could significantly increase their production by just closing the gender gap across economic sectors, particularly in agriculture. Second, increasing women's participation in policymaking has been found to lead to higher GDP growth through increases in higher-skilled women in the labor force and women's employment in high-productivity sectors³. Africa is therefore losing socio-economic opportunities by not doing enough to

encourage the voices of women. The continent cannot afford to wait any longer to empower women.

Gender empowerment in policymaking can also boost women's role as business leaders. Although Africa boasts the world's highest rate of women entrepreneurs (at 27%) and is the only continent where more women than men choose to become entrepreneurs, most female-led enterprises are small businesses, in the informal

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La quinzième édition du sommet mondial sur le Genre se tient du 25 au 27 novembre à Kigali avec plus de 200 délégations attendues dans la capitale rwandaise pour stimuler l'égalité des sexes autour du thème, «éliminer les obstacles à l'égalité des sexes».

Le sommet mondial sur le genre est un événement qui vise à partager les meilleures pratiques et stimuler l'innovation afin d'accélérer les progrès en matière d'égalité des sexes. C'est la première fois que l'Afrique accueille ce sommet.

Le Rwanda se présente comme un pays modèle en matière d'égalité entre les sexes. En effet, les femmes comptent pour plus de la moitié de la population rwandaise et occupent 40% des portefeuilles ministériels, et représentent plus de 60% des parlementaires.

La Banque africaine de développement (BAD) a pris les devants du combat depuis plusieurs années pour promouvoir l'égalité des sexes. L'institution a lancé ou soutenu de nombreuses initiatives pour combler le déficit de financement qui affecte les femmes en Afrique, à l'instar de l'initiative panafricaine de grande ampleur (AFAWA, Affirmative finance action for women in Africa).

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The 2019 **Global Gender Summit** commenced on Monday, November 25 in Rwanda's capital, Kigali with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action. Here are the key highlights from the **Global Gender Summit** that concluded on November 27.

Launch of the risk-sharing facility for the Bank-led Affirmative Finance Action for **Women in Africa**, or AFAWA, programme – to support the program's three-pronged approach, which seeks to quickly close the gender gap by facilitating access to finance, providing technical assistance and creating an enabling business environment for women-led businesses to thrive.

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Rwanda: Jeannette Kagame Emphasises Need to Investment in Gender Equality



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A field visit during the Global Gender Summit in Kigali.



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By Julius Bizimungu

First Lady Jeannette Kagame has said that to fully realise the economic gains for women and girls is as much everyone's responsibility, as it is about making the right investments, especially in closing gender gaps.

She was speaking at the Global Gender Summit during a high-level panel session themed; "Realising a Demographic Dividend through Investments in Gender Equality", which tackled priority interventions in addressing persisting gender inequalities.

Despite the solid role that they have historically played in societies, Mrs Kagame said women have been disempowered.

"Growing up I thought and I actually believed, that 'what a man can do, a woman can do just as well.' I maintain that stand," she said.

"As fate would have it, the irony of our dark history, suddenly threw our women into a multitude of roles, as they had to be the mothers, husbands, fathers, brothers, comforters and guardians," she added.

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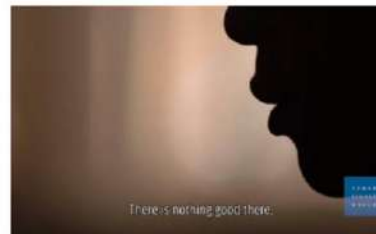
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Le premier Sommet mondial du Genre en Afrique s'est ouvert, lundi, à Kigali où le président rwandais, Paul Kagamé a invité ses homologues africains à travailler de concert pour que l'égalité des sexes puisse s'installer confortablement sur le continent.



Ce sommet mondial sur le Genre «symbole d'égalité des sexes» s'est ouvert en présence du président Paul Kagamé et de la présidente de l'Etat fédérale de l'Ethiopie, Sahle - Work Zewbe.

« Nous devons travailler de concert pour que l'égalité des sexes puisse s'installer confortablement. (...) Il y a beaucoup de leçon à tirer, il faudrait faire les choses et apprendre à faire changer pour qu'on puisse évaluer et voir le chemin à parcourir dans l'avenir. (...) Aujourd'hui nous avons ce sommet sur le Genre pour la première en Afrique. Il faut donner un sens », a expliqué M. Kagamé.

C'est élan politique encourageant, selon le président de la Banque africaine de développement (BAD) Dr Akinwumi Adesina pour qui il aura un impact positif.

«Alors que nous sommes réunis ce jour à l'occasion du sommet mondial sur le Genre, nous devons réfléchir sur la manière d'accroître les possibilités économiques, sociales et politiques pour les femmes et les filles. Un monde plus intelligent doit investir dans les femmes et les filles », a souligné M. Adesina.

« Soyons intelligents et sages : les femmes sont les meilleurs investissements que peut réaliser une société. Lorsque les femmes gagnent leur vie, elles consacrent 90 % de leurs revenus à leur ménage, y compris à leur mari », a relevé le patron de la BAD.

Quand à la seule femme présidente en l'Afrique, Sahle-Work Zewbe, présidente de l'Etat fédérale d'Ethiopie qui a félicité son pays d'avoir compris l'innovation Genre, elle a qualifié cet état d'esprit de «miracle de la volonté politique».

« L'Ethiopie s'inscrit dans une initiative dynamique depuis un an et demi, et cela est le résultat d'une transformation des mentalités. (...) 2018 a été une année déterminante en Ethiopie, ça été le résultat d'une transformation globale de mon pays », a-t-elle expliqué.

« Ce qui s'est passé en Ethiopie a été un miracle de la volonté politique. (...) Le défis pour nous, il faudrait se forcer à changer totalement les mentalités. (...) Il faut passer de la théorie à l'action, le temps vous appartient les femmes, ensemble nous constituons une force », a insisté Sahle-Work Zewbe.

Moussa Faki Mahamat, président de la Commission de l'Union africaine a pour son part souhaité que la décennie 2021-2031 soit placée sous le signe de l'intégration financière de la femme, soutenant que « ça sera de normaliser une situation qui était de nature anormale ». Poursuivant, il a rappelé que l'égalité du Genre est inscrite en lettre d'or dans les textes de l'Union africaine.

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First Lady Margaret Kenyatta Monday reaffirmed her commitment to continue championing initiatives that will accelerate gender equality and women empowerment in Kenya.

The First Lady said she supports the removal of barriers preventing women and girls from realizing their full potential.

"We envisage a country where every woman and girl enjoys gender equality; a country where all legal, social and economic barriers that hinder the progress of women and girls are removed," she said.

The First Lady spoke today at the high-level segment of the ongoing 2019 Global Gender Summit in Kigali, an event that was also addressed by President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and his Ethiopian counterpart Sahle-Work Zewde.

The event was also addressed by Rwanda's First Lady Jeannette Kagame, the President of the African Development Bank Akinwumi Adesina and the Chairman of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat.

The biennial summit organized by the African Development Bank under the theme "unpacking constraints to gender equality", is exploring mechanisms for scaling up innovative gender friendly financial solutions among other related subjects.

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The Kenyan First Lady expressed optimism that the conference would help unlock the potential of women and girls to enable them contribute effectively to the realization Africa's development agenda.

"This is the spirit of Africa's vision towards accelerating its path to sustainable socio-economic development. Our collective commitment to 'leave no one behind' is a new chapter in our struggle towards achieving gender equality," First Lady Margaret Kenyatta said.

She highlighted her advocacy work on maternal and child health through the Beyond Zero initiative, saying access to basic healthcare, good nutrition and wellness is critical to transforming the lives of a country's citizens.

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Rwandan President Paul Kagame has challenged his peers on the continent to take the issue of gender equality seriously. He was speaking at the opening of the first Global Gender Summit to be hosted at the Kigali Convention Centre.

The main objective of the summit is to share best practices and investment to accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and around the world.

Rwanda is a country that is being commended for gender parity, one of the few countries on the continent that has ensured that both the executive and Parliament is well balanced. The three-day summit is organised by the African Development Bank with other multilateral partners.

Held under the theme, "Unpacking constraints to gender equality," the summit will dig deep into three dimensions in which gender equality and women empowerment can be achieved.

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If you are a gender champion, then you are familiar with the discussions around the glass cliff. The story of women eager to defy the odds, accepting leadership roles at times of crisis, when the chance of failure is the highest. The truth is that many bold glass cliff climbers have succeeded without falling off.



Two of such champions come to my mind: the former Xerox CEO Anne Mulcah and Tokunboh Ishmael, co-founder of Aliethia IDF.



Comments Mulcah, Ishmael and likeminded agents of change have already shattered the status quo. So, when the first Global Gender Summit held in Africa kicks off on November 25th in Kigali, Rwanda, the international community will hurtle towards heeding the calls to dismantle barriers to women's full participation and advancement economic development on the continent.

Women make up over 40% of African business owners yet only 2% are able to access finance according to a McKinsey report. One in four women globally who start in a business come from Africa (Global Entrepreneurship Monitor).

The Summit, organised by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group on gender, will be held in Africa for the first time ever, from the 25th to 27th November 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. This year's summit is hosted by the African Development Bank in partnership with the Government of Rwanda and supported by other multilateral development banks as key partners.

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ADDIS ABABA (FBC) – At the Global Gender Summit organized by the African Development Bank (AfDB), in the Rwandan capital, Kigali, President Sahle-Work Zewde called for actions to accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and around.

The onus is on us to sustain this great progress that has been registered in Ethiopia in just a year and a half.

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Your Excellency, Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda;



Your Excellency, Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;

Your Excellency, Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission;

Your Excellency, Joyce Banda, former President of the Republic of Malawi;

Your Excellency, Rt. Honourable Édouard Ngirente, Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda, and Members of the Government of Rwanda;



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Global Gender Summit 2019: African leaders take on the responsibility to urgently close the gender gap.

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"There is no template to follow...we (women) can deliver but we can deliver differently" – **President Sahle-Work Zewde, President of Ethiopia**

"We are making sure that narrowing this gender gap is everyone's responsibility," **President Paul Kagame of Rwanda**

"This discrimination is political, economic and social; it is politically incorrect, unjustifiable socially." – **Chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat**

"A smarter world must invest in women and girls. Let's be smart and let's be wise. Women are the best investment any society can make," **Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, African Development Bank Group**



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KIGALI, Rwanda, Nov 25 2019 (IPS-Partners) – The 2019 Global Gender Summit, the first to be held on the continent, kicked off on Monday with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action.

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Le Sommet mondial sur le genre 2019, le premier à se tenir sur le continent africain, a démarré lundi à Kigali, la capitale du Rwanda et s'y poursuivra jusqu'au 27 novembre, a rapporté la Banque africaine de développement (BAD), un des organisateurs de l'événement.



Le Sommet, événement biennal organisé par les banques multilatérales de développement (BMD), et réunissant des dirigeants de gouvernements, d'institutions de développement, du secteur privé, de la société civile et du monde universitaire, a démarré par un appel pressant à aller de l'avant sur les questions de genre et à passer de la parole aux actes, indique la Banque sur son site.



S'exprimant lors de la séance plénière d'ouverture du Sommet, la présidente de l'Éthiopie, Sahle-Work Zewde, la seule femme actuellement à la tête d'un État en Afrique, a rappelé que le parlement éthiopien était (avec celui du Rwanda), l'un des seuls du continent où le principe de parité hommes-femmes était observé à plus de 50 %.

Le Rwanda est en tête du palmarès de la représentation parlementaire des femmes, avec 61 % de femmes élues, soit le taux le plus élevé au monde. En outre, la moitié des postes ministériels est occupée par des femmes dans ce pays, à l'instar de l'Éthiopie, précise la BAD.

"Nous avons compris depuis le début qu'il y a beaucoup de travail à faire... Investir pour faire en sorte que les femmes soient au centre du développement. Notre responsabilité est de veiller à ce que la réduction de la brèche entre les sexes soit l'affaire de tous", a noté le président rwandais, Paul Kagame.

En Afrique, 70 % des femmes sont "exclues" sur le plan financier. Sur le continent le déficit de financement est de l'ordre de 42 milliards de dollars entre les hommes et les femmes. Celles-ci, qui sont pour la majorité des exploitantes agricoles, font face à un déficit de financement de près de 16 milliards de dollars, précise l'institution financière continentale.

"Les défis ne sont pas seulement liés au genre. Ils sont également liés à la sous-représentation et au manque d'autonomisation des femmes", a déclaré dans ce cadre, le président de la Banque africaine de développement, Akinwumi Adesina.

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L'Administratrice de l'OIF, Catherine Cano, a participé au 4e Sommet mondial sur le Genre, organisé par la Banque africaine de développement (BAD) et la République du Rwanda du 25 au 27 novembre 2019 à Kigali.

Cet événement a réuni des décideurs politiques, des agences et banques de développement, des représentants du secteur privé, de la société civile et du monde universitaire, autour du thème « Éliminer les obstacles à l'égalité des sexes », afin de partager les meilleures pratiques et d'encourager les investissements pour accélérer les progrès en matière d'égalité des sexes et d'autonomisation des femmes sur le continent africain.

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Le Sommet mondial sur le genre organisé sous l'égide de la Banque africaine de développement et la République du Rwanda a commencé ce jour. Ce Sommet de haut niveau se tient du 25 au 27 novembre 2019, au Kigali Convention Centre, Kigali, Rwanda. Cette manifestation biennale réunit des dirigeants de gouvernements, d'institutions de développement, du secteur privé, de la société civile et du monde universitaire du monde entier. Pour la première fois, elle s'est tenue sur le continent Africain.

Sous le thème «Débloquer les obstacles à l'égalité des sexes», le sommet examine trois dimensions importantes pour l'effectivité de l'égalité des sexes et l'autonomisation des femmes. C'est ainsi que durant les trois jours, des ateliers et des échanges se feront sur l'appui à l'accroissement des financements innovants ; la création des environnements juridiques plus propices, réglementaires et institutionnels favorables ; et la promotion et l'assurance sur la participation et la voix des femmes.

Le principal objectif du sommet est de partager les meilleures pratiques et de catalyser les investissements pour accélérer les progrès en matière d'égalité des sexes et d'autonomisation des femmes en Afrique et dans le monde. Le sommet est également une plateforme pour apporter des actions concrètes pour débloquer les obstacles à l'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes.

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Global Gender Summit 2019 paves the way to immediately close gender gap

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The 2019 **Global Gender Summit**, the first to be held on the continent, kicked off on Monday, November 25 with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action.

The **African Development Bank** has organized the next **Global Gender Summit 2019** in association with the Republic of Rwanda. "We believe that **Global Gender Summit 2019** will be an opportunity to share best practices from all participants so that we accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and around the world," said Rwanda's Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Soline Nyirahabimana.

Africa's only female President, Sahle-Work Zewde of Ethiopia, said Ethiopia's parliament is one of the only two on the continent with over 50% gender parity in seats, and women currently hold key ministerial roles in defense and national security for the first time. Despite her own country's huge advances, however, the work has just started, she said. She was speaking during the opening plenary of the **Global Gender Summit**, a biennial event organized by the multilateral development banks (MDBs), bringing together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society, and academia.

"There is good momentum for women and African women, but the work has just started... There is no template to follow... we (women) can deliver, but we can deliver differently," President Sahle-Work Zewde said.

The **African Development Bank** is doing its part to transform the financing landscape for women with the launch of the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA). AFAWA intends to mobilize USD 3 billion of new lending by banks and financial institutions for women in Africa. G7 leaders approved a package totalling USD 251 million in support of

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African leaders push for concerted efforts to close gender gap in Africa

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KIGALI, Nov. 25 (Xinhua) -- The 4th Global Gender Summit kicked off on Monday in Rwandan capital city Kigali, where African leaders pushed for concerted efforts to close gender gap in Africa.

This is the first time that the biennial summit takes place in Africa, after previous summits being held in Turkey, Philippines and the United States.

The first edition in Africa presents a unique opportunity to showcase the work done on the continent to advance gender quality and women's empowerment, and to garner partners' support to accelerate impact and scale, according to the ministry of gender of Rwanda.

The three-day summit dubbed, "unpacking constraints to gender equality," brings together over 2,000 delegates including heads of state, development partners, non-governmental organizations and academia. It is organized by African Development Bank Group and hosted by the government of Rwanda.

Achieving gender equality in Africa demands strong and concerted efforts to break the barriers, said Sahle-Work Zewde, president of Ethiopia, at the opening ceremony of the three-day summit dubbed "unpacking constraints to gender equality."

"There is no Africa that we want or progress in the continent if women are not included. We need to ensure that our institutions are gender-equal, and that our programs, policies and campaigns reflect gender equality," said Zewde.

Progress on gender equality in Africa has been "slow and uneven", a reminder of the urgency for closing huge gender gap in Africa in order to drive development on the

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Un panel consacré aux politiques macroéconomiques s'est tenu ce mardi au Sommet mondial sur le genre, co-organisé par la Banque africaine de développement (<http://www.AfDB.org>), le gouvernement du Rwanda et des partenaires de développement.

L'objectif de la séance, modérée par Basil Jones, coordonnateur de politique et programme genre à la Banque, était d'évaluer la profondeur des politiques actuelles et d'interroger leur capacité à réaliser pleinement l'autonomisation des femmes.

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President Paul Kagame at the Global Gender Summit in Kigali- Nov 25, 2019

President Paul Kagame says that whenever women are involved in the decision making processes and are fully empowered, the society gains more, pointing out that the fight for gender equality should be common sense for all.

President Kagame made the remarks at the opening of the Global Gender Summit 2019 at Kigali Convention Centre (KCC) on Monday, which was attended by more than 1,000 delegates from across the continent and the globe.

It is the first time the biennial Global Gender Summit was hosted by an African country. It attracted different leaders from across

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Les représentants de UBA, Ecobank et Bank of Industry Nigeria ont signé un protocole d'accord avec la Banque africaine de développement et le Fonds africain de garantie pour formaliser leur engagement de travailler ensemble, en vue de combler le déficit de financement à l'égard des femmes en Afrique, a rapporté Agence Ecofin.

Selon le représentant de UBA, Babatunde Ajayi, le protocole porte sur un montant de 300 millions de dollars qui permettra aux femmes de lancer des PME dans le domaine de l'agriculture, l'élevage, et autres services. L'objectif à terme est d'atteindre un fonds de 3 milliards de dollars. « Nous serons en mesure d'accorder beaucoup plus de prêts à une clientèle, en particulier féminine. Nous allons leur apporter notre expertise dans le domaine de l'assistance technique, à travers une approche beaucoup plus soucieuse de l'égalité de genre », a-t-il déclaré.

Pour Christine Ngiriyi, entrepreneure, peu de choses ont changé depuis près de 30 ans, le problème qui se pose, encore et toujours, est un problème de garantie.

Ainsi, grâce à cet accord entre les banques, il y a une garantie de partage des risques que le partenariat avec la BAD intègre. « Nous partagerons les risques pour pouvoir augmenter les prêts. Nous avons sollicité l'engagement des gouvernements africains pour promouvoir des lois incitatives afin de permettre aux femmes d'avoir accès aux financements », a précisé Babatunde Ajayi.

La femme au cœur du sommet

La Banque africaine de développement a pris les devants, depuis plusieurs années, pour promouvoir l'égalité des sexes. L'institution a lancé ou soutenu de nombreuses initiatives pour combler le déficit de financement qui affecte les femmes en Afrique, à l'instar de l'initiative panafricaine de grande ampleur AFAWA (« Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa »).

Le président de la BAD, Akinwumi A. Adesina, a rappelé qu'en Afrique, 70 % des femmes sont victimes d'exclusion financière. Et pourtant, ces femmes, qui représentent la majorité des exploitants agricoles en Afrique, font encore face à un déficit de financement de près de 16 milliards de dollars.

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« Alors que nous sommes réunis ce jour à l'occasion du sommet mondial sur le Genre, nous devons réfléchir sur la manière d'accroître les possibilités économiques, sociales et politiques pour les femmes et les filles. Un monde plus intelligent doit investir dans les femmes et les filles », a souligné M. Adesina.

« Soyons intelligents et sages : les femmes sont les meilleurs investissements que peut réaliser une société. Lorsque les femmes gagnent leur vie, elles consacrent 90 % de leurs revenus à leur ménage, y compris à leur mari », a relevé le patron de la BAD.

Quand à la seule femme présidente en l'Afrique, Sahle-Work Zewde, présidente de l'Etat fédérale d'Ethiopie qui a félicité son pays d'avoir compris l'innovation Genre, elle a qualifié cet état d'esprit de « miracle de la volonté politique ».

« L'Ethiopie s'inscrit dans une initiative dynamique depuis un an et demi, et cela est le résultat d'une transformation des mentalités. (...) 2018 a été une année déterminante en Ethiopie, ça été le résultat d'une transformation globale de mon pays », a-t-elle expliqué.

« Ce qui s'est passé en Ethiopie a été un miracle de la volonté politique. (...) le défi pour nous, il faudrait se forcer à changer totalement les mentalités. (...) Il faut passer de la théorie à l'action, le temps vous appartient les femmes, ensemble nous constituons une force », a insisté Sahle-Work Zewde.



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Kagame Mobilises Men On Narrowing Gender Gaps

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Over 1,000 delegates attended the Global Gender Summit hosted in the Rwandan Capital Kigali officially opened by President Paul Kagame on Monday.

"Women are our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters. Whenever women gain, everybody gains and nobody loses," President Kagame told the summit delegates convened at Kigali Convention Centre.

The 3-day summit is exploring three main things including: scaling up innovative financing; enabling legal, regulatory and institutional environments; and securing women's participation and voices.

Organisers of this summit selected a theme; theme "Unpacking constraints to gender equality."

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Kagame said there is a lot of work to do in terms of narrowing the gender gaps; "from the onset we made investments to make sure women are a central part of our population in terms of development of our country."

According to him, gender parity has not been achieved by any country in the world considering studies conducted by the World Economic Forum (WEF), "we still need to do more."

However, he noted that Rwanda has made good progress for women, in health, education, business, entrepreneurship. But there is still a lot of work to do; "we are not yet where we need to be."

His government has been able to change mindsets and women have been very active in this entire process and this has elevated them to the level they need to be, "they are by their own efforts as well as the country- men and women making this effort together."

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"History will judge us if we don't work together to take action now," Chief Executive Officer of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, Ifeyinwa Ugochukwu

Kigali, Rwanda, 26 November, 2019 – "Investments in gender equality are critical to realizing demographic dividend, but we need to ensure that women have the tools to overcome the barriers they face," First Lady of Rwanda, Jeannette Kagame told participants at a panel at the Global Gender Summit in Kigali on Monday.

The panel, made up of First Ladies Kagame, Margaret Kenyatta, ministers and development experts, observed that too many women and girls still face barriers to basic rights, particularly access to labour market opportunities.

Rwanda's First Lady recalled the role women played following the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi, where a number of families were wiped out, with women in many cases being the ones catering for families.

"What a man can do, a woman can do just as well," she added.

She described the Summit as an important platform to highlight issues of women equality.

Rwanda has implemented gender inclusive programs, which has enhanced economic equality in a country where women political participation has grown to 61% percent.

First Lady Kenyatta called for the removal of institutional barriers to accelerate women's economic empowerment, "It has become urgent for Africa to translate its demographic dividend into viable potential."

"This is the spirit of Africa's vision to accelerate its path to sustainable socio-economic development. Our collective commitment to 'leave no one behind' is a new chapter in our struggle towards achieving gender equality."

The panel heard that impediments to gender equality include lack of access to credit, low representation in decision making positions, lack of control over productive land and lack of financial control to make spending decisions on education and health.

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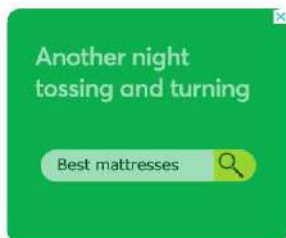
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By Mariam Yinusa and Edward Mabaya, Principal Economist and Manager, respectively, in the Agribusiness Development Division of the African Development Bank.

Monica Musonda, CEO of Zambian food processing company *Java Foods*, certainly faced hurdles in her rise to the top, but she overcame them.

"Although the barriers to entry for women can be frustrating, they are often basic and relatively easy to resolve," she said, playing down her struggles. "My climb up the agribusiness ladder has been challenging but definitely worthwhile."

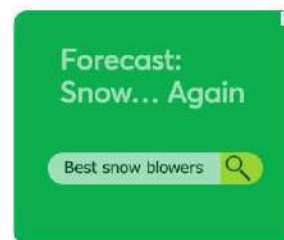


Musonda, whose company produces affordable and nutritious food snacks made from local ingredients, is one of just a handful of female agripreneurs who have successfully broken through the proverbial glass ceiling in Africa's agribusiness industry.

Women are the backbone of Africa's agricultural sector. From farm to fork, African women are players along the entire agricultural value chain, be

it as farmers, livestock breeders, processors, traders, workers, entrepreneurs or consumers. While their influence on the continent's growing agribusiness industry is undeniable, more solutions are needed to address the gender-specific challenges they face to boost their participation.

The average African woman is a budding entrepreneur either by choice or by circumstance.



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Despite remarkable progress made on women's participation in policymaking, Africa is still far from achieving the 50 percent gender parity target set by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Between 1995 and 2018, the proportion of women in African parliaments almost tripled from 8% to 23% but remains insufficient. Out of 11,037 African parliamentarians as of October 2018, only 2,591 were women and out of 1,348 ministers on the continent only 302, or 22%, were women.

The challenges in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, will be the focus



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First Lady Jeannette Kagame addressing participants at Global Gender Summit – Kigali, November 25, 2019

Rwanda's First Lady Jeanette Kagame is of a school of thought which believes that indeed, "what a man can do, a woman can do just as well."

Growing up, the First Lady had that belief and today, she explains: "I maintain that stand."

Speaking at the Global Gender Summit taking place in Kigali, the First Lady shared events that kept fuelling this reality.

"As fate would have it, the irony of our dark history, suddenly threw our women into a multitude of roles, as they had to be the

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Rwanda: Fighting for Gender Equality is Common Sense, Says Kagame



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Some of the high-profile delegates at the Global Gender Summit with President Paul Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame in a group photo.



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By Julius Bizimungu

President Paul Kagame on Monday told participants from different parts of Africa that promoting gender equality on the continent is simply common sense.

He was addressing leaders from public and private sector as well as civil society and academia who are meeting in Kigali for the Global Gender Summit, the first of its kind to take place in Africa.

"Women are our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters. Whenever women gain, everybody gains and nobody loses," he told more than 1,000 participants at the Kigali Convention Centre.

"The fight for gender equality is common sense," he added, reminding the delegates that the opening of the Global Gender Summit marked the start of the annual Sixteen Days of Activism campaign and urging people to make it count.

The Head of State indicated that everyone should be concerned about gender equality, although women gave it more value than men.

"Being a man in a position of leadership, at any level, means never having to think about your gender. But being a woman leader means always having to think about how gender impacts your work," he noted.

Kagame said it was past time for men to become much more conscious of gender so that women can afford to enjoy the same freedom.

The summit, organised by the African Development Bank (AfDB), is aimed at facilitating the sharing of best practices and catalyse investment to accelerate progress in gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa.

Currently, in Africa, women-led businesses face a staggering \$42 billion financing gap and 70 per cent of women are financially excluded, according to the AfDB.

A study by McKinsey shows that equal and full participation of women can add an additional \$28 trillion to the global wealth by 2025, a 26 per cent rise in the world's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), annually.

At the summit, AfDB unveiled an initiative dubbed Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) Risk Sharing Facility, which they say seeks to accelerate growth and employment creation across African economies, by closing the financing gap for women.

Over the next five years, AFAWA is expected to unlock \$3 billion in private sector financing to empower female entrepreneurs through capacity-building, access to finance as well as policy, legal and regulatory reforms to support

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'We are making sure that narrowing this gender gap is everyone's responsibility,' President Paul Kagame of Rwanda

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'A smarter world must invest in women and girls. Let's be smart and let's be wise. Women are the best investment any society can make,' Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, African Development Bank Group

The 2019 Global Gender Summit, the first to be held on the continent, kicked off on Monday with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action.

Africa's only female President, Sahle-Work Zewde of Ethiopia, said Ethiopia's parliament is one of the only two on the continent with over 50% gender parity in seats, and women currently hold key ministerial roles in defense and national security for the first time. Despite her own country's huge advances, however, the work has just started, she said.

Zewde was speaking during the opening plenary of the Global Gender Summit, a biennial event organized by the multilateral development banks (MDBs), bringing together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society, and academia.

The Summit is taking place in Kigali Rwanda from 25th to November 27th.

"There is good momentum for women and African women, but the work has just started... 'There is no template to follow... we (women) can deliver, but we can deliver differently,' President Zewde said.

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, who officially opened the Summit, described gender equality as "real commonsense." Rwanda leads the word in gender representation in parliament with 61% of its parliamentarians being women -- the

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The Group Managing Director and CEO of United Bank of Africa (UBA), Kennedy Uzoka says financial inclusion goes beyond owning a mobile phone. Uzoka was highlighting ways to get more African women into the financial system on the sidelines of the Global Gender Summit in Rwanda. He joins CNBC Africa’s Kenneth Igbomor for more.

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Global Gender Summit: AFAWA targets \$42bn to bridge finance gap for African women

The Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) has set its target on bridging the \$42 billion finance gap women face on the continent. CNBC Africa's Arnold Kwizera spoke to Director of Gender, Women and Civil Society at the African Development Bank, Vanessa Mounigar for more.

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Global Gender Summit: Rwanda commits \$1mn contribution to AFAWA

The government of Rwanda through its minister of finance yesterday committed herself to contribution of \$1 million to the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) Risk-Sharing Facility on the sidelines of the ongoing Global Gender Summit. CNBC africa's Arnold Kwizera spoke to Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Uzziel Ndagijiminana for more.

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Global Gender Summit: AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina on how AFAWA aims to close gender-credit gap for women

One of the highlights of the Global Gender Summit in Kigali was the launch of the African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA). This is a risk-sharing facility that aims to close the \$42 billion gender-credit gap for women enterprises in Africa. CNBC Africa's Kenneth Igbomor caught up with President of African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina to discuss this initiative.

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French President, Emmanuel Macron and G7 leaders approved a \$251 million package in support of African Development Bank's (AfDB) Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative earlier in August. CNBC Africa's Kenneth Igbomor spoke to Phillipe Lacoste, Director for Sustainable Development at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs to discuss the importance of this initiative for Africa.

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Le président rwandais, Paul Kagamé a invité ses homologues africains à travailler de concert pour que l'égalité des sexes puisse s'installer confortablement sur le continent.

Ce sommet mondial sur le Genre «symbole d'égalité des sexes» s'est ouvert en présence du président Paul Kagamé et de la présidente de l'Etat fédérale de l'Ethiopie, Sahle – Work Zewbe.

« Nous devons travailler de concert pour que l'égalité des sexes puisse s'installer confortablement. (...) Il y a beaucoup de leçon à tirer, il faudrait faire les choses et apprendre à faire changer pour qu'on puisse évaluer et voir le chemin à parcourir dans l'avenir. (...) Aujourd'hui nous avons ce sommet sur le Genre pour la première en Afrique. Il faut donner un sens », a expliqué M. Kagamé.

C'est élan politique encourageant, selon le président de la Banque africaine de développement (BAD) Dr Akinwumi Adesina pour qui il aura un impact positif.

«Alors que nous sommes réunis ce jour à l'occasion du sommet mondial sur le Genre, nous devons réfléchir sur la manière d'accroître les possibilités économiques, sociales et politiques

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Le président de la Banque africaine de développement (BAD) Dr Akinwumi Adesina a plaidé, lundi à Kigali, auprès des établissements bancaires pour faciliter l'accès des femmes aux crédits, invitant à une modification de l'écosystème financier en leur faveur. Selon le patron de la BAD, son institution portera un traitement particulier aux établissements qui appliqueront cette mesure. Les femmes qui représentent la majorité des exploitants agricoles en Afrique font face à un déficit de financement de près de 16 milliards de dollars. Pour Dr Akinwumi Adesina, les femmes ont souffert dans les rangs des victimes de la soustraction.

«Elles ont été soustraites de l'éducation, soustraites de l'accès aux droits légaux à la terre et à la propriété, soustraites de l'accès au financement, soustraites des postes de direction dans les Conseils d'administration, soustraites des processus politiques. Pour changer le monde, il suffit de revenir à l'essentiel, à l'arithmétique de l'école primaire et d'ajouter un à un pour en faire deux », a-t-il expliqué.

« L'écosystème doit être modifié pour faire taver à la femme. Si une banque vient demander un appui à la BAD je lui demanderai la liste de son programme sur les femmes ... Je suis très fier d'affirmer que j'ai toujours été un ardent défenseur des femmes et des problématiques féminines ! » a poursuivi Dr Akinwumi Adesina.

Selon lui, les femmes donnent la vie. Alors priver les femmes des possibilités d'exceller, c'est manquer de « bon sens ».

« La chose élémentaire de base que l'on enseigne à un enfant est que $1 + 1 = 2$. De toute évidence, les additions donnent des valeurs plus élevées. Et la soustraction diminue la valeur. Ainsi $2 - 1 = 1$. On pourrait donc supposer que le monde serait assez intelligent pour comprendre que les choses iront mieux avec l'addition, et non avec la soustraction », a encore ajouté le président de la BAD.

Convaincu que les femmes sont une proportion écrasante de 90 % en termes de remboursement des prêts à l'échelle mondiale, Dr Akinwumi Adesina pense que « c'est le lieu et l'occasion de réfléchir sur la manière d'accroître les possibilités économiques, sociales et politiques pour les femmes et les filles ».

« Un monde plus intelligent doit investir dans les femmes et les filles. Soyons intelligents et sages : les femmes sont les meilleurs investissements que peut réaliser une société », a-t-il insisté, révélant qu'il « existe un déficit de

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« Lorsque les femmes empruntent, elles remboursent toujours. Et 80% d'entre elles parviennent chaque fois à régler leurs dettes, sans aucun problème. Où est le risque par conséquent ? Le problème, c'est la rigidité des banques et des préjugés. Il faut en sortir pour permettre aux femmes d'avoir accès aux financements », a exhorté le président Adesina.

La session intitulée « Libérer l'accès des femmes au financement en Afrique »,comptait un panel d'intervenants de haut niveau, parmi lesquels Salimata Diop Dieng, ministre de la Femme, de la Famille et du Genre du Sénégal, Andrew Temu, président du Fonds de garantie africain, Kennedy Uzoka, président-directeur-général de United Bank of Africa (Uba), Joséphine Anan-Ankomah, directrice générale du groupe Ecobank et Christine Ngiriye, entrepreneure.

« Il est important que les établissements financiers soutiennent les initiatives venant des femmes. Elles disposent de périmètres maraîchers, de produits agricoles à transformer. Elles créent des startups dans les domaines de l'innovation. Cependant, elles manquent de ressources, de garantie et les procédures pour accéder aux prêts sont compliquées », a expliqué Salimata Diop Dieng.

« Ces femmes ont besoin de financements plutôt modérés, juste assez pour créer des projets et des emplois. Elles ont besoin d'un accompagnement du secteur privé et des banques pour les aider à s'installer dans le tissu économique », a-t-elle ajouté. Pour Christine Ngiriye, peu de choses ont changé depuis près de 30 ans, « le problème qui se pose, encore et toujours, est un problème de garantie. »

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Rwanda: 16 Rwandan Female Entrepreneurs to Receive Investment Awards



25 NOVEMBER 2019

By Hudson Kuteesa

Sixteen female Rwandan entrepreneurs are among the 100 East African women entrepreneurs who will be announced today as winners of the inaugural 2X Invest2Impact Awards at the Global Gender Summit in Kigali.

The Global Gender Summit scheduled to take 25 - 27 this month in Kigali is organised by the African Development Bank (AfDB) with other multilateral partners.

It takes place every after two years with an objective of sharing best practices and investment to accelerate progress for gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and around the world.

This year's edition that will be graced by the First lady of Rwanda Mrs Jeannette Kagame will dig into issues of how gender equality and women's empowerment can be achieved; scaling up innovative financing, enabling legal, regulatory and institutional environments.

The event brings together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society and academia.

Among the things on the agenda of the summit are the 2X Invest2Impact organized and launched by the Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) of Canada, the United Kingdom, France, and the United States of America in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation.

The Invest2Impact initiative was launched in July 2019 to provide entrepreneurs with networking opportunities, mentorship, business development services, visibility and access to funding, to enable their businesses to grow.

The competition looks at established women-owned businesses at the growth stage, poised for investment capital.

Depending on the awards category, the winners are able to walk away with prizes ranging from business investment and mentoring; to cash prizes; crowdfunding, and visibility opportunities.

The Invest2Impact initiative aims to reach women-owned businesses that may otherwise face barriers in accessing investment capital; contribute to the community of women business owners and leaders in the region.

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Rwanda: Gender Summit Delegates Visit Isange One Stop Centre



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By Glory Iribagiza

Delegates at the [Global Gender Summit](#) had two field visits on Sunday, November 24. One group went to Isange one Stop Centre (IOSC), one of the initiatives that were designed to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and child abuse.

Another group went to Gahaya Links, a Rwandan handicraft social enterprise and company dedicated to women's economic empowerment through enterprise design.

The group that visited IOSC went to Kacyiru Hospital, where the model was first implemented.

Established in 2009 with the support from the First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, through her Imbuto Foundation, the IOSC aims to ease access to services needed by GBV victims such as medico-legal examinations, psychotherapy and treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS, STI/D's, among others.

Shafiga Murebwayire, the Gender-Based Violence Crimes Division Manager at Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB) explained to the delegates how they work.

"We have a multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approach. In terms of multi-sectoral, it was formed by the fact that there is no institution that can manage effectively GBV and child abuse on its own. There are different sectors that came on board to gather concentrate efforts," said Murebwayire, who is also the Director of IOSC.

The centre works with the ministries of health, justice, local government, gender and family promotion in addition to the Gender Monitoring Office, National Children Council and Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB).

Murebwayire, further explained that all the institutions have specific roles.

Murebwayire then explained to the delegates, the multi-disciplinary approach.

"At the reception, they do listening and referral. They give the victims information about different services, then they orient them to where they are supposed to go."

She then explained the stages taken including reception where investigators give judicial support to the victims that includes filing a case.

Another stage involves offering medico-legal services and victims are examined and treated before the psychosocial stage where they are given psychological support.

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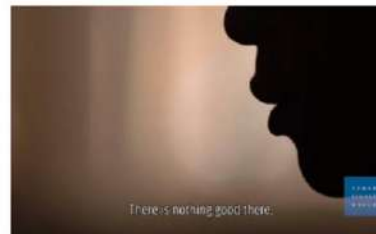
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Whenever women gain, everybody wins – President Kagame



By Nicole Kamanzi M.
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President Paul Kagame has today opened the 4th edition of the Global Gender Summit 2019 in Kigali where he observed that whenever women are involved in the decision making processes and fully empowered, the society gains more and so the fight for gender equality should be common sense for all.

It is the first time the biennial Global Gender Summit is hosted by an African country. It attracted different leaders from across the continent including the President of Ethiopia, Sahle-Work Zewde, former Malawian President Joyce Banda, African Development Bank President (AfDB) Dr. Akinwumi Adesina and other high ranking dignitaries.

Rwanda's First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, Kenya's First Lady Margaret Kenyatta, and African Union Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat attended the opening ceremony.

"Women are our mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters.....whenever women gain, everybody gains, and nobody loses," said President Kagame

President Kagame said that being a man in a position of leadership, at any level, means never having to think about your gender. but being a woman leader means always having to

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Women make up over 40% of African business owners yet only 2% are able to access finance according to a McKinsey report

By Vanessa Moungar, Director of Gender, Women and Civil Society

If you are a gender champion, then you are familiar with the discussions around the glass cliff. The story of women eager to defy the odds, accepting leadership roles at times of crisis, when the chance of failure is the highest. The truth is that many bold glass cliff climbers have succeeded without falling off.

Two of such champions come to my mind: the former Xerox CEO Anne Mulcah and Tokunboh Ishmael, co-founder of Ailetreea IDf.

Mulcah, Ishmael and likeminded agents of change have already shattered the status quo. So, when the first Global Gender Summit held in Africa kicks off on November 25th in Kigali, Rwanda, the international community will hurtle towards heeding the calls to dismantle barriers to women's full participation and advancement economic development on the continent.

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By James Karuhanga



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AFAWA is one of the Bank's gender-focused programmes which seeks to close the financial gap for women by accelerating growth and employment creation across African economies.



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The African Development Bank and partners officially launched Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) Risk Sharing Facility earlier this week at a press conference held during the 2019 Global Gender Summit in Kigali, Rwanda.

The bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) programme started with significant support from commercial banks and a \$1 million commitment from the government of Rwanda.

AFAWA is one of the Bank's gender-focused programmes which seeks to close the financial gap for women by accelerating growth and employment creation across African economies.

"Today is a great day! With this facility, women will be able to receive technical assistance. We shall strengthen our capacity and we shall get there. The decision that we are taking today is highly transformational. It will permanently transform Africa," said Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank.

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Highlights of the Summit include the launch of:

- AFAWA risk-sharing facility to de-risk lending to women
- 50 Million African Women Speak, a Pan-African networking platform
- Joint UNECA-African Development bank Gender index

"We've known it from the beginning that equality and women's empowerment is the true way for sustainable development," Rwanda's Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Solina Nyirahabimana told reporters at a 2019 Global Gender Summit press conference on Tuesday.

"During this past 25 years, we have been concentrating on gender equality, starting by creating a conducive environment, uprooting, revising, and abolishing discriminative laws. We've worked tirelessly to have women included in the financial sector," Nyirahabimana said.

"When you don't understand women, you can't serve them."

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The President of African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina has called for greater access to finance for African women. Image Credit: AfDB

The 2019 **Global Gender Summit**, the first to be held on the continent, kicked off on Monday, November 25 in Rwanda's capital, Kigali with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action. The 2019 **Global Gender Summit** is co-organized by Rwanda and the African Development Bank.

The President of **African Development Bank**, **Akinwumi Adesina** has called for greater access to finance for African women when he addressed the inaugural session of the 2019 Global Gender Summit.

The session headed 'Unlocking women's access to finance in Africa' had a panel of high-level speakers, including Salimata Diop Dieng, the Senegalese Minister of Women, Family and Gender; Andrew Temu, President of the African Guarantee Fund; Kennedy Uzoka, President and CEO of United Bank of Africa (UBA); Joséphine Anan-Ankomah, CEO of Ecobank Group; and Christine Ngiriye, an entrepreneur.

"When women borrow, they always repay. And 90 percent of them repay their loans without the least problem. So, where is the risk? The problem is prejudice and the banks' lack of flexibility. We must leave this behind to allow women access to financing," President of the **African Development Bank**, **Akinwumi Adesina** said.

Andrew Temu advocated "holding discussions with countries to improve the business environment. What is especially needed is legislation that reassures the banks. There are a number of actors, banks, investors, entrepreneurs and clients operating within the economic market. Everyone needs to be in communication to address the risks."

"It is important that financial institutions support initiatives from women. They have the market gardens and produce to process. They create start-ups in innovative areas. But they

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President of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi Adesina, speaking at the launch of AfDB's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) programme. PHOTO: Supplied

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Leaders from multilateral development banks, financial institutions and the private sector called on peers to dispel myths about women being too "high risk" for financing – and to offer more financial services for women in business to close the gender finance gap.

"We know that women are a good bet. We know they pay back. We know they run excellent businesses – and yet they are not getting financed," said Dr Jennifer Blanke, African Development Bank Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development.



An important step is for multilateral development banks to offer credit guarantees to commercial banks to invest in women entrepreneurs, Blanke said.

"We know that if we provide those guarantees, then the banks are going to be lending to a lot more women, and they are going to discover that women are an excellent bet – and are an excellent investment."

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En marge du Global Gender Summit qui se déroule cette année à Kigali du 25 au 27 novembre 2019, il a été procédé à la signature d'un Mémorandum d'entente entre le groupe Attijariwafa bank et le groupe African Guarantee Fund, fonds majeur en Afrique, qui a pour objectif principal d'encourager le financement des petites et moyennes entreprises.

Cette convention permettra au groupe Attijariwafa bank de soutenir la femme entrepreneure en bénéficiant de garanties de portefeuille d'une part, et d'apporter un soutien technique, en partenariat avec African Guarantee Fund, aux PME dans tous les pays de présence du Groupe d'autre part. Cette convention a été signée par M. Hicham Fadili, Directeur du développement commercial au sein de la Banque de Détail à l'International et M. Jules Ngankam, Directeur Général Adjoint et Directeur Financier du groupe African Guarantee Fund.

À cette occasion, Monsieur Mohamed El Kettani, Président Directeur Général du groupe Attijariwafa bank a déclaré : " La signature de ce Mémorandum est la concrétisation d'un partenariat fort entre deux grands Groupes très impliqués dans le développement de l'Afrique. Notre Groupe a toujours accompagné les entrepreneurs et notamment la femme entrepreneure fortement engagée dans nos sociétés africaines. À ce titre, notre banque a signé, lors du dernier Forum International Afrique Développement, avec la Banque Africaine de Développement et quatre associations africaines œuvrant en faveur de la femme entrepreneure, un accord pour la promotion de l'initiative SUFAWE (Stand Up For African Women Entrepreneurs). African Guarantee Fund, en tant qu'acteur majeur dans le soutien de la PME africaine, est le partenaire idéal pour développer davantage notre soutien à l'entrepreneuriat féminin en Afrique ".

De son côté, Monsieur Félix Bikpo, Directeur Général du groupe African Guarantee Fund, a affirmé : " La signature de ce MoU est l'expression de la forte volonté du groupe African Guarantee Fund de soutenir la PME africaine. Son financement est d'autant plus important, connaissant le rôle qu'elle joue dans les économies africaines. Nous collaborons déjà avec le groupe Attijariwafa bank et sommes heureux de voir l'élargissement de ce partenariat à d'autres pays ".

Ce Mémorandum correspondant parfaitement à l'esprit du Global Gender Summit. En effet, Attijariwafa bank, en sa qualité de leader responsable, a lancé un nombre important d'initiatives en faveur de l'entrepreneuriat, dont Dar Al Moukawil, concept exclusif et innovant, dédié à l'accompagnement, le conseil et la formation, en faveur des TPE clients et non clients, via des centres physiques et une plateforme digitale www.daralmoukawil.com.

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Après le panel en matinée, les entrepreneures ont passé la mi-journée au sein des masters class sous le thème « préparation à l'investissement ». Ces sessions animées par deux encadreurs repartis en deux groupes (les francophones et les anglophones) ont permis aux femmes de poser toutes les questions nécessaires en matière de financement, et d'obtenir des réponses, ainsi que des orientations.

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Pour la première fois, l'Afrique abrite le sommet mondial du genre. La quatrième édition s'est ouverte lundi, 26 novembre 2018 à Kigali (Rwanda) avec le lancement de l'action pour le financement en faveur des femmes en Afrique (AFAWA). C'est un projet de plusieurs institutions financières autour de la Banque africaine de développement (BAD) qui mobilise trois milliards de dollars de nouveaux prêts en faveur des femmes. Ce sommet affiche ainsi une ambition forte : « Eliminer les obstacles à l'égalité des sexes », le thème général des assises.

Pour porter le plaidoyer, plusieurs leaders politiques ont honoré le rendez-vous, aux côtés de Paul Kagame, président du Rwanda, Moussa Faki Mahamat, président de la Commission de l'Union africaine, Sahle-Work Zewde, présidente de la République fédérale démocratique de l'Éthiopie et deux First Ladies (Margaret Kenyatta et Jeannette Kagame) étaient présents avec une intention affichée d'appeler à l'effectivité de l'autonomisation de la femme et aussi réclamer la réalité de la parité homme-femme dans tous les secteurs et toutes les administrations en Afrique.

A l'Auditorium du Kigali Convention Center, les chiffres contenus dans les interventions soulignaient l'impérative nécessité de passer de la rhétorique à l'action. Adesina Akinwunmi, président de la BAD a parlé d'un déficit de financement en faveur de la femme africaine d'un montant de 42 milliards de dollar. Pourtant, bien que exclues des systèmes bancaires, les femmes sont crédibles, 90% de celles qui obtiennent des prêts les remboursent.

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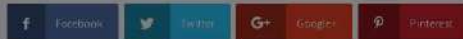
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While she has no formal training in carpentry, Chelang tells IPS that she comes from a long line of carpenters, having trained under her grandfather and uncle. And what she doesn't know, she learns from online lessons on carpentry.

She started the business more than a decade ago — before anyone else was doing it — and her products have been popular with consumers.

"My designs stand out because I combine many different elements. It is not just about turning wood into a seat. I use colourful fabrics and female clients enjoy fabrics that brighten their homes. I also make kids furniture from pallets and use fabric that have popular cartoons on them," she expounds. Chelang sells her three-seater household pallet sofa for 100 to 300 dollars, depending on the design and material used.

Clients seek her services through her social media pages where she markets her products under the name *Soi Pallet Designs*.

Not enough credit to grow

But the 35-year-old is worried that the opportunity to cash in on her unique designs is passing her by.

"I do not have the money to set up a proper workshop and showroom. I cannot apply for contracts to make pallet seats for major entertainment clubs in the city because I do not have capital to finance such big orders," she says, explaining that such clubs are interested in her designs.

"I managed to take one order of 5,000 dollars in 2018 because one of my mentors provided me with the capital to finance the order," she says.

But that was a once-off. Because without collateral, she says, the banks will grant her a business loan. So for now she has to make seats to order. Even in this instance her clients must first pay 30 to 50 percent of the total cost to enable her to purchase materials and pay for some of her labour costs.

"I work with three carpenters who I pay on a daily basis. We only take one order at a time because I do not have a proper workshop and I cannot afford to hire more carpenters," Chelang expounds.

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There is an old saying that hasn't aged well in our more politically correct times; "Behind every great man there's a great woman". Let's hope that in future, we will turn the phrase around more often.

However, when it comes to President Uhuru Kenyatta and First Lady Margaret Kenyatta, it is undoubtedly true.

There is something very modest and humble about the First Lady. She hasn't sought the spotlight unnecessarily, she isn't known for a lavish lifestyle, and above all, uses her position for good.

Rather than sit around and enjoy the luxuries of State House and her husband's office, Margaret Kenyatta decided she wanted to be an active and charitable First Lady from the very beginning.

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Her Beyond Zero Campaign, launched soon after Uhuru entered office, is as laudable as it is ambitious.

The primary goal is to eliminate all preventable maternal and child deaths in Kenya by 2023.

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Global women's economic participation reforms advanced

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Globally, reforms for women's economic participation have advanced since the 2017 'Women, Business and Law' study. Photo: Reuters



THE regulatory environment for women's global economic participation has improved over the past two years, a statement released by The World Bank yesterday has revealed.

According to the bank's 'Women, Business and the Law 2020' (WBL) study, 40 of the world's 190 economies have enacted a total of 62 reforms that would help women realise their potential and contribute to economic growth and development.

The study tracked how formal laws and regulations affect women at different stages in their working lives, focusing on those laws applicable in the main business city. The study does not reflect a country's actual norms and practices.

The study, conducted from June 2017 to September 2019, covers reforms in eight areas associated with women's economic empowerment, namely: mobility, workplace, pay, marriage, parenthood, entrepreneurship, assets, and pension.

Women constitute 50% of the world's population, and according to the the World Bank Group's president, David Malpass, legal rights for women are both the right thing to do and beneficial from an economic perspective.

"When women can move more freely, work outside the home and manage assets, they are more likely to join the workforce and help strengthen their

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Also, the Bank held its second annual consultative meetings with Governors of the Bank to exchange views and ideas on accelerated engagement in the region. During consultations, the Governors called for a greater focus on women to close Africa's gender gap, climate change, and development in fragile states.

March

The Bank hosted the third African Forum for Resilience at its headquarters in Abidjan, under the theme 'Fragility, Migration, and Resilience.' 300 participants including heads of government, international organizations, leaders of civil society, academics, and the business community, discussed several challenges resulting from migration: security, youth unemployment, gender issues, and the effects of climate change.

April

The Ivorian minister for tourism, Siandou Fofana, in conjunction with the Bank, presented a government strategy, entitled 'Sublime Côte d'Ivoire.' The country's stated objective is to become the continent's fifth-leading tourism destination.

Delegations from the Congo, DRC, Chad, and the Central African Republic also met with the Bank to prepare the lenders roundtable. The goal was to mobilize \$2.2 billion to finance two comprehensive projects in central Africa's transport sector.

May

The Portuguese minister of foreign affairs, Augusto Santos Silva, led a high-level delegation to the African Development Bank headquarters and met with Senior Vice President Charles Eboamah. A few days later, the president of Burkina Faso, Roch Marc Christian Kaboré, received his mission roadmap as a champion of the African Leaders for Nutrition.

June

The Bank's Annual Meetings returned to the continent after being held in Ahmedabad, India in 2017 and in Busan, South Korea in 2018. The highly successful and productive meetings took place in Malabo, capital of Equatorial Guinea, and brought together some 3,000 participants. The theme was strengthening regional integration in Africa.

July

The agreement to establish the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which took effect at the end of May, marks the continent's first step towards becoming a single market and a major player in the global economy.

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The **Global Gender Summit 2019** took place last month in Rwanda's capital, Kigali with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action. The African entrepreneurs who were present at the Summit summoned the financial institutions to grant them loans at reduced rates to finance their projects.

Experts on energy issues pleaded for gender parity in energy-related sectors with an objective to effectively fight climate change. They believe that gender-sensitive climate action can assist in reducing women's vulnerability to climate change.

Panellists discussed on issues (hosted by the **Rwandan government** and the African Development Bank) including livelihood diversification, gender and social risk management, and institutional strengthening at a session titled 'Gender responsive climate action: experience from the CIF'. The Senior Social Development Specialist at the World Bank, Anne Kuriakose moderated the panel.

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The DG of the Ministry of Environment in **Rwanda**, Juliet Kabera emphasized the requirement for gender equality to attain sustainable development. **Rwanda** had developed coherent gender equality policies. "We are committed to uncovering the professional potential of both women and men in environment and climate change," Kabera cited.

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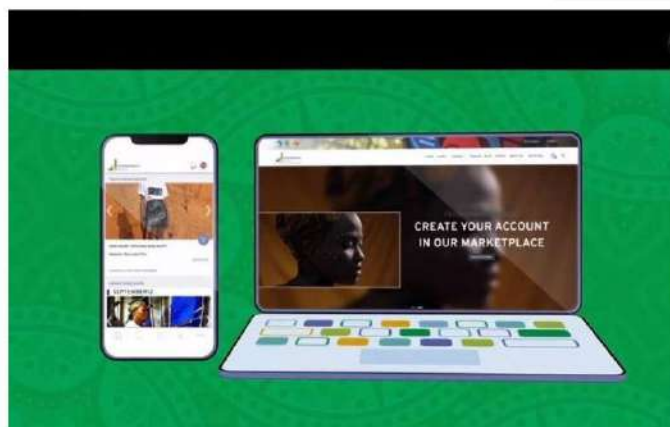
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The African Development Bank's (AfDB) Fashionomics Africa initiative last month launched a digital marketplace pilot—a website as well as an app—to help Africa's fashion designers and textile professionals connect with global markets, with a focus on opportunities for women and young people. It is sponsored by the Fund for African Private Sector Assistance.

The launch took place on 25 November at the Global Gender Summit, a gathering of more than 1,500 representatives from multilateral development banks, finance institutions, governments and private sector leaders in Kigali, Rwanda.

"It is the first-ever B2B [Business-to-Business] and B2C [Business-to-Consumer] platform that has ever been created for, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises that are working along this value chain," Jennifer Blanke, the bank's vice president for agriculture, human and social development, said at the launch.

"It is all really for connecting business to business, businesses to consumers and ensuring we are putting into place all we need to really transform the clothing and fashion industries in Africa," she added.

The Fashionomics Africa digital marketplace and mobile app provides relevant market information, like market prices for textiles and clothing or listings of trade conferences, to increase transparency in the sector, according to a press release from the bank.

The aim is to connect suppliers, buyers, manufacturers and distributors to consumers and investors - to increase access and grow markets. To facilitate trade within Africa and worldwide, the digital marketplace and app operate through secure e-commerce and online payment systems.

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LAGOS – In a bid to promote the African fashion industry, the African Development Bank (AfDB) has launched an initiative tagged the Fashionomics Africa Digital Marketplace.

The initiative is under Fashionomics Africa and was designed to help Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in fashion such as African fashion designers, textile manufacturers, and accessories professionals. Specifically, the initiative will help to connect eligible fashion entrepreneurs to global markets.

The digital marketplace was launched at the Global Gender Summit which took place in Kigali, Rwanda. The event saw the gathering of bank executives, government representatives, and private sector leaders from all over the world.

Speaking during the launch, the AfDB's Vice-President for Agriculture, Human, and Social Development, Dr Jennifer Blanke, said that the aim of the initiative is to connect businesses to consumers, thereby transforming the clothing and fashion industry in Africa.

According to her: "It is the first-ever B2B, Business-to-Business, and B2C, Business-to-Consumer, platform that has ever been created for, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises that are working along this value chain. It is all really for connecting business to business, businesses to consumers and

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THE African continent has a US\$42 billion financing gap between men and women leaving 70% of women excluded financially.

This was revealed by the African Development Bank (AfDB) president, Akinwumi Adesina at the Global Gender Summit held in Rwanda last month.

Adesina said despite the fact that women are bankable, and are the majority of farmers in Africa, they face a financing gap of close to US\$16 billion (N\$240 billion).

The bank's president added that 90% of women pay back their loans, "yet, there exists globally close to US\$1,5 trillion (N\$22 trillion) financing gap for women-led small and medium sized enterprises."

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The Fashionomics Africa digital marketplace website and mobile app aims to increase productivity for fashion entrepreneurs through capacity building and online training tools; and facilitate access to finance through traditional and innovative financing channels.

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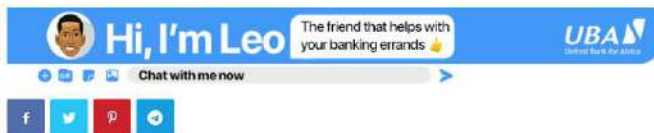
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- GCR also affirmed the Bank's short-term rating at A2 and the outlook as stable.

In the announcement released in Johannesburg, South Africa, the rating agency said in granting the upgrade, it acknowledged Afreximbank's tenacity and resilience in managing risks in its operating environment, which was generally perceived to be high risk.

"The ratings on Afreximbank balances its significant exposure to high risk operating environments, fairly strong and diverse membership base, demonstrated preferential creditor treatment, strong status within the region and good track record of fulfilling mandate, beyond adequate current levels of capitalisation, strong risk position, stable funding and good liquidity position," stated GCR.

According to agency, the new rating also captures the Bank's key strength in structured trade finance which demonstrates its ability to de-risk its lending portfolio through high quality collateral comprising cash, insurance from highly-rated insurers, sovereign backed securities, assignment of receivables (which transfers repayment risk to OECD countries), amongst others.

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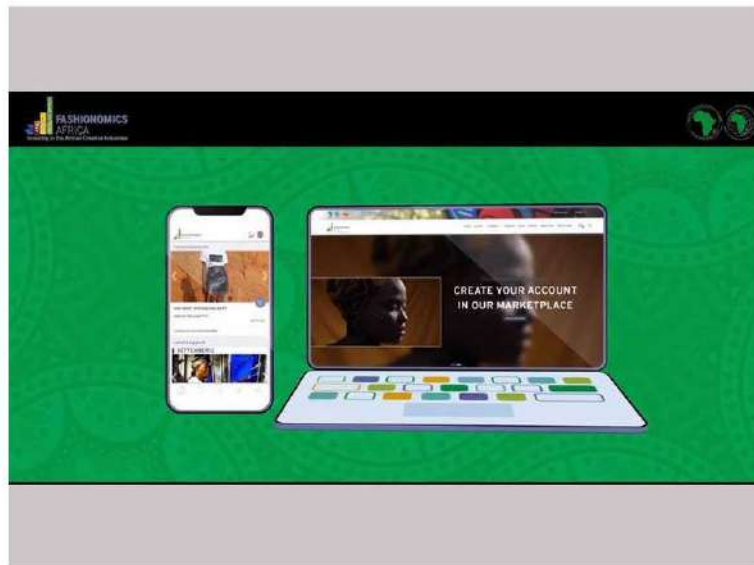


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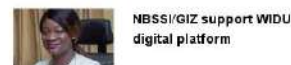
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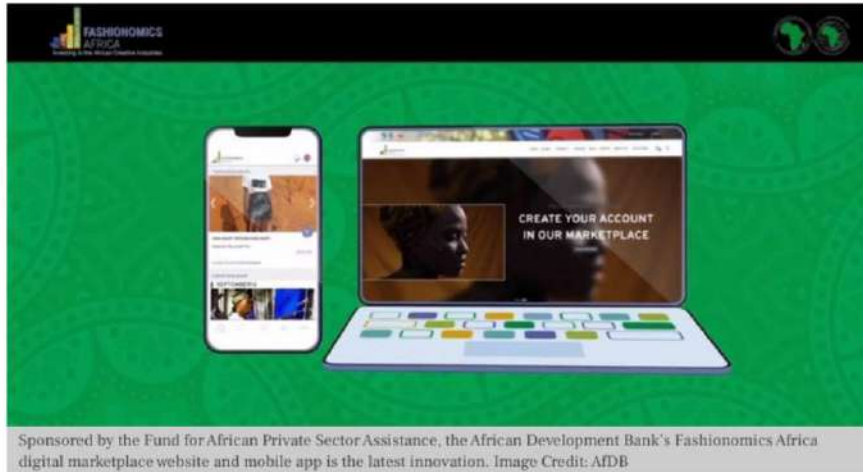
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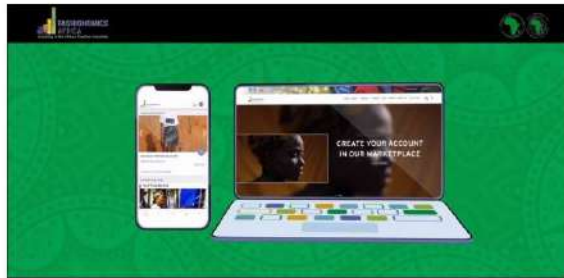
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The country is one of only three states on the continent ranked in the top 10 across the overall AGI score, based on three main indicator areas.

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The index measures parity between men and women across three specific dimensions, namely economic, social, and representation and empowerment.

"The index focuses on measuring gender inequalities in key capabilities for elementary 'functioning', without which other aspects of human progress would be difficult to attain," the report states.

According to this report, Namibia has achieved 79.67% gender equality, which translates to an AGI score of 0.797.

The AGI is scored out of 1, where a score of 1 represents parity between women and men.

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Namibia scores well across all three dimensions.

Over the last few years, the country has been celebrated globally for its strides towards gender parity in various sectors.

As recently as December 2018, Namibia received the African Gender Award from the 'Gender is My Agenda Campaign' (Gimac) steering committee.

The committee especially punctuated the country's promotion of women's representation in key decision-making positions, as demonstrated by its parliament being 46% women.

This is in line with the conceptual 'zebra list' that the country introduced in its efforts toward achieving the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Protocol on Gender and Development which aims for 50/50 representation in the government and politics.

This representation contributes to Namibia's third-place ranking in the AGI report's empowerment and representation dimension. It scored 0.494 here.

It is surpassed by Rwanda, which scored 0.626 and South Africa, which scored 0.621.

Rwandan women are constitutionally required to hold at least 30% of elected positions, and 61% of their parliament is made up of women. Furthermore, 50% of the country's ministerial positions are filled by women, and four of the seven supreme court justices are women.

"Countries such as Rwanda, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia and Uganda have taken deliberate steps through legislation and quotas to increase the number of women in political positions. [...] The global evidence shows that greater diversity amongst decision-makers matters," the report observes.

Even then, with a gender gap of 50.6% in this dimension, it is evident that Namibia still has exceptional strides to make.

In the economic dimension, the country ranks fifth, with a score of 0.792. It is preceded by Botswana, which scores 0.832, Seychelles (0.832), the Central African Republic (0.811) and Madagascar (0.795).

In the social dimension, the country ranks first, obtaining an AGI score of 1.294. It is closely followed by Lesotho, which scores 1.281, and Mauritius, which scores 1.223.

The report reveals that Africa has an average score of 48.8%, with the continental scores ranging between 24% and 79.7%.

This indicates that the continent experiences a 51.4% gender gap. Southern Africa has a gender equality score of 81.2%, the highest on the continent. Northern and eastern Africa score 51.8%, while western and central Africa

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Attended by some 300 business women, policy makers and political leaders, including Ethiopia’s President Sahle-Work Zewde – the only female president on the continent – attendees learnt that while African women contribute towards not only bettering their lives, but those of their families, some 70 percent were excluded financially. And in instances where women saved and offered capital for a loan, many were rejected or in the rare cases where they were given credit, it was considered “high risk”.

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"We know that women are a good bet since they pay back and run excellent businesses, yet they are not getting financed. An important step is for multilateral development banks to offer credit guarantees to commercial banks as an incentive to intensify their lending to women entrepreneurs," said Dr Jennifer Blanke, African Development Bank Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development.

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Despite remarkable progress made on women's participation in policymaking, Africa is still far from achieving the 50 percent gender parity target set by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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The challenges in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, will be the focus of the Global Gender Summit to be held in Kigali, Rwanda from the 25-27 November. The Summit, hosted by the African Development Bank in partnership with the Government of Rwanda, will spotlight innovative financing, fostering an enabling

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The session, 'Unlocking women's access to finance in Africa', had a panel of high-level speakers, including Salimata Diop Dieng, the Senegalese minister of women, family and gender; Andrew Temu, president of the African Guarantee Fund; Kennedy Uzoka, president and CEO of United Bank of Africa (UBA); Joséphine Anan-Ankomah, CEO of Ecobank Group; and Christine Njiraye, an entrepreneur.

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THE president of the African Development Bank (AfDB), Akinwumi Adesina, says the multilateral development bank believes in women, as "women are bankable."

He said this during his address at the opening ceremony of the Global Gender Summit currently under way in Kigali, Rwanda.

The biennial event, organised by the world's multilateral development banks, brings together world leaders to share best practices and solutions for women and girls around the world.

This fourth edition of the Global Gender Summit, under the theme 'Unpacking Constraints to Gender Equality', looks at three thematic areas - climate change, private sector development, and human capital and productive employment.

It has previously been hosted in Istanbul, Turkey (2012), Manila, the Philippines (2014), and Washington DC, in the United States (2016).

With the African continent holding the event for the first time, Adesina drew on the achievements of African nations like Rwanda and Ethiopia in gender equality and women's empowerment as sterling examples of what other countries should strive towards.

"Today, Rwanda has 50% of ministerial positions filled by women, just like in Ethiopia. It has 61% of its parliamentarians being women - the highest in the world. Four of the seven Supreme Court judges are women. And today, present with us, is the president of Ethiopia, the first in the country's history, and the only female president on the continent. What an incredible achievement!" he stated.

Adesina said smart nations will invest in women.

Drawing on a study by McKinsey, which shows that the equal and full participation of women can add US\$28 trillion (N\$413 trillion) to global wealth by 2025 and increase the global annual gross domestic product

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Asian Development Bank's Gender Lead, Sakiko Tanaka, noted this 2019 Global Gender Summit has seen increased awareness of the need for women's financial inclusion to achieve gender equality.

"There's more money coming in for gender equality. However, there are still major gaps globally and as well as in each region," said Tanaka, who also serves as chairperson of the multilateral development bank working group on gender.

Women face unique constraints such as poorer access to collateral and land, running smaller business compared to male entrepreneurs and blurred lines between women's personal and professional finance spend.

Wendy Teleki, Head of the We-Fi (Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative) Secretariat and the panel moderator, led the six panelists in exploring how financial institutions and multilateral development banks are innovating to expand women's access to finance. Aside from risk-sharing interventions like credit guarantees to lenders, panelists said increasing women's financial literacy was also key to closing the gender gap.

"It's not about corporate social responsibility or charity," said panelist Barbara Rambousek, Director for Gender and Economic Inclusion at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. "It is about developing that business case and developing a proper set of financial and non-financial services."

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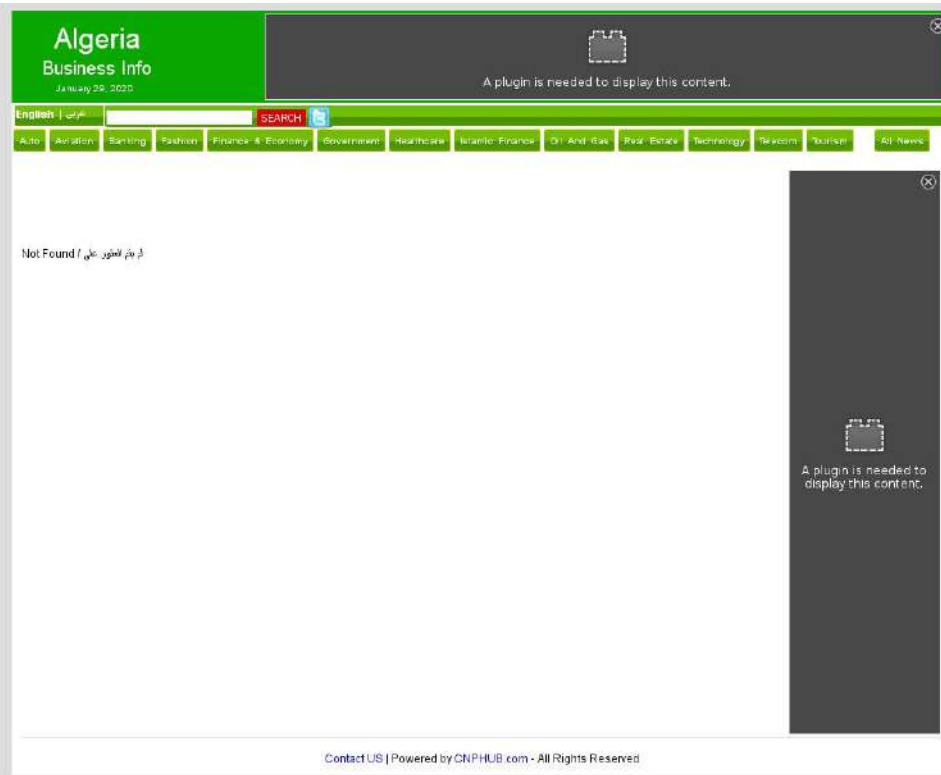
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African Development Bank Group Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, Dr. Jennifer Blanke, told journalists that much of Summit conversation centered around growing awareness that women need to be part of the development solution. "Women are a force to be unleashed and supported to ensure that they can really do their part in development in Africa. Women are already such a hugely important part of the development process," she said.

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Also speaking at the press conference marking the close of the Summit's multilateral development bank segment, the Chairperson of the Multilateral Development Banks' Gender working group Chairperson, Sonomi Tanaka, said summit discussions were productive and some African countries are carrying out good practices. However, Tanaka noted the critical importance of data in development policies working toward gender equality. "Again and again, this is something that is coming up. This lack of data comes up across any topic... and data is one area we need to

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The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East African Community (EAC) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) launched a digital platform specifically designed to address the information needs of women in business and connect them via a custom -built social networking tool in Kigali, Rwanda.

The platform, known as 50 Million African Women Speak, was unveiled during the Global Gender Summit which took place in the Rwandan capital. It primarily seeks to help economically empower women by providing a one-stop shop for a wide range of financial and non-financial services that women need to start and grow successful businesses.

The initiative which is accessible at www.womenconnect.org will allow women in 38 African countries to find information on running businesses, accessing financial services, create business opportunities online and access training resources, ultimately contributing to their economic empowerment.

"I certainly believe that the creation of this platform is a very practical way of speaking to the general agenda of empowering women. "I think a lot has been said and now we have come to a stage where we have practical initiatives such as this one," said COMESA Secretary General Chileshe Kapwepwe.

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The African Development Bank and partners officially launched the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) Risk Sharing Facility at a press conference here during the 2019 Global Gender Summit in Kigali, Rwanda.

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AFAWA is one of the Bank's flagship gender-focused programs that seeks to accelerate growth and employment creation across African economies, closing the financing gap for women.

"Today is a great day!" Said Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank. With this facility, women will be able to receive technical assistance. We will strengthen our capacity and we will get there. The decision that we are taking today is highly transformational. It will permanently transform Africa."

Attijariwafa Bank and the African Guarantee Fund signed a \$ 50 million Memorandum of Understanding to the risk lending to women through partial guarantees.

AFAWA is expected to unlock \$ 3 billion in private sector financing for empowered female entrepreneurs through various business development services to finance



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Attijariwafa Bank Signs MoU with African Guarantee Fund in Favor of Women Entrepreneur

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A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Attijariwafa bank group and the African Guarantee Fund group, a major fund in Africa, has been signed on the sidelines of the Global Gender Summit, which takes place in Kigali on 24-27 Nov. 2019.

This agreement will enable the Attijariwafa bank group to support women entrepreneurs by benefiting from portfolio guarantees on the one hand, and to provide technical support, in partnership with the African Guarantee Fund, to SMEs in all the Group's presence countries on the other, the Attijariwafa bank group said in a press release.

The MoU was signed by Hicham Fadli, Director of Business Development at International Retail Banking and Jules Ngankam, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of the African Guarantee Fund Group.

"The signing of this memorandum is the embodiment of a strong partnership between two major Groups that are heavily involved in the development of Africa. Our Group has always supported entrepreneurs and in particular the woman entrepreneur who is strongly committed to our African societies," said Mohamed El Kettani, CEO of Attijariwafa bank group, on this occasion.

"As such, our bank signed, at the last International Africa Development Forum, with the African Development Bank and four African associations working for women entrepreneurs, an agreement to promote the SUFAWE (Stand Up for African Women Entrepreneurs) initiative," he added, noting that "the African Guarantee Fund, as a

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Nigeria: AfDB Calls for Increased Access to Finance for Women



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The African Development Bank (AfDB) has called for increased access to finance for African women.

The president of AfDB, Akinwumi Adesina, said this during the inaugural session of the Global Gender Summit going on Rwanda.

The African Development Bank and the government of Rwanda hosted the Global Gender Summit from 25 to 27 November in Kigali.

The summit is being organised by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group on gender, for the first time in Africa, with the theme "Unpacking constraints to gender equality".

In a statement sent to PREMIUM TIMES Tuesday evening, the AfDB president said the financial sector is saddled with the responsibilities to support Africa women by enhancing access to financial opportunity.

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"From now on, we shall be grading every African financial institution for how well it helps women. Every financial ecosystem must evolve to support women. And we are going to put pressure on the guarantee banks," he said.

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"Holding discussions with countries to improve the business environment. What is especially needed is legislation that reassures the banks," the president of the African Guarantee Fund, Andrew Temu said.

Also speaking, the CEO of Ecobank Group, Joséphine Anan-Ankomah, said her bank is already making strides to ensure gender parity.

"The pan-African bank has signed up to the African Union gender parity principle of 50/50. "Currently we are at 46 per cent and out of that, 30 per cent of those women are in senior management positions," she said.

Also, an entrepreneur, Christine Ngiriyi, said collateral still remains an issue for women in getting finance or loans.

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The Global Gender Summit which kicked off on November 25 in Kigali-Rwanda, and first summit of-its-kind to be held in Africa, emerged with rather vital issues in the second-day, whereby top-notch financial leaders rallied their desire to see support to women business across the African business landscape.

The summit is running on a theme "Unpacking constraints to gender equality" has drawn in presidents, high government officials, multilateral development banks, private sector, civil society and top business and finance leaders from across the continent, who have mainstreamed their ideas on how gender issues influence African finance.

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The experts believe women can contribute a lot in the fight against climate change. Image Credit: AIDB

The 2019 [Global Gender Summit](#) commenced on Monday, November 25 in Rwanda's capital, Kigali with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action. Experts on energy issues pleaded on November 26 for gender parity in energy-related sectors with an objective to effectively fight climate change.

"Women are vulnerable in many African countries, particularly in the water and energy sector. And this vulnerability can have many consequences that can not be denied, on their health, for example," the climate change and green growth specialist at the [African Development Bank](#), Charlotte Eyong opined.

"Women can contribute a lot in the fight against climate change. They can change mindsets to solve problems," Claire Nelson (of the Power Africa project in Rwanda led by USAID USA), deploring the fact that there are few women in the energy sector cited. "We have to see how we can attract women to this sector and support them to move up the ladder. Raise awareness, share experiences of women working in energy to show girls that opportunities exist," she suggested.

The other panellists, Claire Nelson of the Power Africa project in Rwanda led by USAID USA, Barbara Kazimbaya-Senkwe of the water and sanitation financing program (WASH-FIN) and Annemarije Kooijman of the NGO Energia, helped to feed the debate on the theme of this session entitled 'Climate change and the effects on women.'

Barbara Kazimbaya-Senkwe's idea is to seize the opportunities that exist in the water sector, innovation and financing, and to adopt new approaches to sanitation: "how can we capitalize on potential of waste? By doing social marketing to change mindsets and see waste as exploitable resources."

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Global Gender Summit calls for implementation of strategies to combat gender inequality

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The 2019 Global Gender Summit attracted about 2 000 participants from across Africa and beyond, with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action.

Africa's only female President, Sahle-Work Zewde of Ethiopia, said Ethiopia's parliament is one of the only two on the continent with over 50 percent gender parity in seats. It also has women who currently hold key ministerial roles in defence and national security for the first time. Despite her own country's huge advances, however, the work has just started, she said.

Zewde was speaking during the opening plenary of the Global Gender Summit, a biennial event organized by the multilateral development banks (MDBs) and the first to be held on the continent, bringing together leaders from government, development institutions, the private sector, civil society, and academia.

"There is good momentum for women and African women, but the work has just started. There is no template to follow; we (women) can deliver, but we can deliver differently," Zewde said.

Speaking in the same vein, Rwandan President Paul Kagame described gender equality as "real common sense." Rwanda leads the world in gender representation in parliament, with 61 percent of its parliamentarians being women — the highest in the world. In addition, half of all ministerial positions are held by women, just like in Ethiopia.

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Women bear the brunt of conflict and for peace building to be successful they must be involved in conflict resolution and reconstruction at every stage, said gender experts at the 2019 Global Gender Summit in Kigali on Tuesday.

Speakers at a plenary session on peacebuilding called for home-grown solutions to conflict and the participation of women in policy and decision making at local, national and regional levels.

"Africa needs to silence the guns. We need to develop our own action plans, not waiting for donor organizations and development partners," said Bineta Diop, the African Union's Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security. "Most of the time we don't look at what fuels the conflicts. We need to invite women to the table of discussions and negotiations."

The Senegalese women's rights activist noted that Africa is home to one third of the global refugee population, the majority of them women and children. Frameworks on peace and conflict resolution need to be urgently implemented, she said.

"The African Union is leading with initiatives in this regard, but we require everyone one board," Diop said, noting the African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA), initiative.

The African Development Bank and the government of Rwanda are hosting the Global Gender Summit from 25 to 27 November in Kigali. The Summit, held for the first time in Africa, is being organized by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group on gender.

Government representatives from Côte d'Ivoire and Rwanda shared insights into how they incorporated women into post-conflict peace processes.

Euphrasie Kouassi Yao, special advisor on gender to Côte d'Ivoire President Alassane Ouattara, said women's empowerment and inclusion were critical to the peace process following civil conflicts in her country.

"If we want Africa to be at peace, women must be empowered. And as we move towards elections next year, we are preparing women to be ambassadors of peace. It is about getting all women involved and empowered, from rural, urban, and even those in the diaspora," Kouassi Yao said.

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President of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi Adesina, speaking at the launch of AIDB's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) programme. PHOTO: Supplied

KIGALI - Closing the gender gap in Africa and achieving gender parity in all aspects of society has become an urgent imperative as gender inequality has widened even further this year compared to last year.

This was the message delivered by delegates at the inaugural Global Gender Summit hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Kigali, Rwanda this week.

Launching the first edition of the Africa Gender Index, the AfDB and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (Uneca) said 70 percent of women were excluded financially in Africa.

The continent has a \$42 billion financing gap between men and women. And women, who are the majority of farmers, face a financing gap of close to \$16 billion.

A study by McKinsey had already shown that achieving gender parity could take 140 years in Africa.

The McKinsey report said that advancing women's equality could add 10 percent to African GDP by 2025.

The Gender Index provides useful tools not only for engaging with stakeholders but also as a tool for holding themselves accountable for delivering on their commitments.

The index is aimed at informing policies to transform economies and to propel governments to adopt an ambitious agenda for making gender equality a reality throughout the continent.

The index is the most comprehensive measurement of the state of gender equality across 51 out of 54 African countries.

It examines the position of women as an economic agent, in human development, and as active citizens and leaders, to provide African governments with a benchmark to evaluate the effectiveness of policies to advance gender equality.

"The challenges are not just about gender. They are about under-representation and lack of empowerment of women," AfDB president, Akinwumi Adesina said.

"A smarter world must invest in women and girls. Let's be smart, and let's be wise. Women are the best investment any society can make."

The Africa Gender Index scores for 2018 range from 24.0 percent to 79.7 percent, with an average score of 48.6 percent. This yields an overall gender gap of 51.4 percent.

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AfDB launches AFAWA with other partners at 2019 Global Gender Summit

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"The government of Rwanda fully supports this initiative and is ready to work with the Bank to make AFAWA a success," Uzziel Ndagijimana cited. Image Credit: AfDB

The 2019 [Global Gender Summit](#), the first to be held on the continent, kicked off on Monday, November 25 in Rwanda's capital, Kigali with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action. The 2019 [Global Gender Summit](#) is co-organized by Rwanda and the African Development Bank.

The African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa programme gained momentum with significant support from commercial banks and a USD 1 million commitment from the government of Rwanda.

The [African Development Bank](#) and partners officially launched the African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) Risk Sharing Facility, on November 25, at a press conference held during the 2019 [Global Gender Summit](#) currently underway in Kigali.

"Today is a great day! With this facility, women will be able to receive technical assistance. We shall strengthen our capacity and we shall get there. The decision that we are taking today is highly transformational. It will permanently transform Africa," the President of the [African Development Bank](#), Akinwumi Adesina opined.

The press conference was attended by Philippe Lacoste, Director of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, representing French President Emmanuel Macron, Ambassador of Netherlands to Rwanda, Matthijs Wolters, and Rwandan Minister of Finance, Uzziel Ndagijimana. Several heads of commercial banks were also in attendance.

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Africa: To Achieve New Impetus Towards Gender Parity, All Stakeholders Need to Act in Five Priority Areas



A field visit during the Global Gender Summit in Kigali.

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Africa needs new impetus in its journey towards gender parity. Making progress on any single indicator of gender inequality is likely to require systematic action on a range of indicators by governments, companies, communities, and individual men and women.

A new McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) report prepared with McKinsey & Company, Africa, The power of parity: Advancing women's equality in Africa finds that accelerating progress towards parity could boost African economies by the equivalent of 10 percent of their collective GDP by 2025.

The report was launched Tuesday at the 2019 Global Gender Summit co-hosted by the African Development Bank and Rwanda under the theme: "Unpacking constraints to gender equality."

"Gender equality is not a western agenda, it is not somebody else agenda; it's a global agenda for growth for inclusive growth for economic development, for society to thrive," said Vanessa Mounkar, Bank Director for Women, Gender, and Civil

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Women are an excellent investment': finance leaders call for increased support for in women in business**APO Group - Africa-Newsroom: latest news releases related to Africa**

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Download logoLeaders from multilateral development banks, financial institutions and the private sector called on peers to dispel myths about women being too high risk for financing – and to offer more financial services for women in business to close the gender finance gap. We know that women are a good bet. We know they pay back. We know they run excellent businesses and yet they are not getting finance, said Dr Jennifer Blanke, African Development Bank Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development. An important step is for multilateral development banks to offer credit guarantees to commercial banks to invest in women entrepreneurs, Blanke said. We know that if we provide those guarantees, then the banks are going to be lending to a lot more women, and they are going to discover that women are an excellent bet and are an excellent investment. Blanke and other leaders were speaking at the Using Innovative Financing Mechanisms to Accelerate Finance for Women in Business plenary panel session at the Global Gender Summit on Tuesday. The international gathering of gender champions from government, finance institutions, multilateral development banks, civil society and private industry, runs from 26 - 27 November in Kigali, Rwanda. Panelists acknowledged that strides have been taken to bring gender equity to financing. However, according to World Economic Forum data, at current rates of progress it will take at least 200 years to close the global pay gap between men and women. Asian Development Banks Gender Lead, Saiko Tanaka, noted this 2019 Global Gender Summit has seen increased awareness of the need for womens financial inclusion to achieve gender equality. Theres more money coming in for gender equality. However, there are still major gaps globally and as well as in each region, said Tanaka, who also serves as chairperson of the multilateral development bank working group on gender. Women face unique constraints such as poorer access to collateral and land, running smaller business compared to male entrepreneurs and blurred lines between womens personal and professional finance spend. Wendy Teleki, Head of the We-Fi (Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative) Secretariat and the panel moderator, led the six panelists in exploring how financial institutions and multilateral development banks are innovating to expand womens access to finance. Aside from risk-sharing interventions like credit guarantees to lenders, panelists said increasing womens financial literacy was also key to closing the gender gap. Its not about corporate social responsibility or charity, said panelist Barbara Rambousek, Director for Gender and Economic Inclusion at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. It is about developing that business case and developing a proper set of financial and non-financial services. In Africa, 70% of women are excluded financially and there is a \$42 billion financing gap between men and women. Yet panelist Solomon Lartey, Managing Director and CEO of Activa International Insurance Ghana sees opportunity, particularly in West Africa, home to what he says is the worlds highest rate of women entrepreneurs. To get women where they want to be, we had to walk with them. The first thing is training them [about financial services], then granting them access to legal assistance and to financial education. We have to do all those things, Lartey said. The panel also discussed innovations related to financial technology, alternative credit information, and online tools for financial services as a way to grow businesses. In some developing regions of the world, women face challenges getting basic documents like a birth certificate, required by commercial bank applications. Tesi Rusagara, the head of Kigali Innovation City, said the more services for documentation and financing tools are brought online, the more value will be created for women. John Wilson, CEO of Equity Bank, added that it is important to not only use data and technology in financial services, but to also have a physical presence where clients are, to make a human connection. Distributed by APO Group on behalf of African Development Bank Group (AfDB). Media Contact: Alphonso Van Marsh African Development Bank Agriculture, Human and Social Development Complex Email: a.vanmarsh@afdb.org About the African Development Bank Group: The African Development Bank Group (AfDB) (www.AfDB.org) is Africas premier development finance institution. It comprises three distinct entities: the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Development Fund (ADF) and the Nigeria Trust Fund (NTF). On the ground in 37 African countries with an external office in Japan, the AfDB contributes to the economic development and the social progress of its 54 regional member states. For more information: www.AfDB.org

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Rwanda: Digital Project Seeks to Increase Access to Information Among Women



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A new Pan-African networking platform to connect 50 million African women in business was launched in Kigali on November 26, at the ongoing Global Gender Summit.

The [50 Million African Women Speaking](#) (50MAWS) is a web and mobile-based application expected to directly impact 50 million African women and create fair waged jobs for young people from the increased business activities and capital flow.

The platform will allow women in 38 African countries to find information on how to run business, accessing financial services, create business opportunities online and access training resources, thus ultimately empowering them economically.

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The platform has two main sections; a resources area with information that business women need, like business registration processes, legal aid, financial services, among others.

And a networking area for women entrepreneurs to connect with, learn from and do business with each other. Here, women can have one-on-one interactions, they can create their own posts and market their products, and they can create topics for discussion on areas of interest, among others.

Priscilla Ruzibuka, a Rwandan female entrepreneur who founded Ki-pepeo Kids Clothing, in a panel discussion talked about the challenges women are likely to face when they are starting their own businesses.

"I have noticed that the challenges most of us are facing, is accessing that information that will help us go to the next level. Most of the channels used to give out this information are not accessible to women, especially those with humble backgrounds," she said.



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ECOWAS, others target 50 million African women to \$42b-worth business

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The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), and East African Community (EAC), have concluded plans to connect about 50 million African women in business in the continent.

The initiative is a digital platform specifically designed to address the information needs of women in doing business, and connecting them via a custom-built social networking tool launched in Kigali, Rwanda.

The deal is based on financing by the African Development Bank (AfDB), and bridging the gap for women entrepreneurs across business value chains in sub-Saharan Africa, estimated at about \$42 billion.

The partners said in a statement yesterday that the platform will provide information on starting and growing a business, and has a social networking for women entrepreneurs to learn from each other.

The initiative, which was unveiled during the Global Gender Summit in Kigali, primarily aims to help economically empower women by providing a one-stop shop for financial

men in 38 African countries to find information on running nancial services, create business opportunities online, and

art: "We believe that the creation of this platform is a very g to the general agenda of empowering women, and now we have come to a stage where we have practical initiatives such as this."

It further added that women will have opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, mentoring, and sharing information and knowledge, and it has potential to unleash a dynamic online community of women entrepreneurs.

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Le quatrième sommet mondial sur le genre ouvert lundi, s'achève ce jour à Kigali sur des engagements concrets

Pour la première fois, l'Afrique abrite le sommet mondial du genre. La quatrième édition s'est ouverte lundi, 25 novembre 2019 à Kigali (Rwanda) avec le lancement de l'action pour le **financement en faveur des femmes en Afrique (AFAWA)**. C'est un projet de plusieurs institutions financières autour de la **Banque africaine de développement (BAD)** qui mobilise trois milliards de dollars de nouveaux prêts en faveur des femmes. Ce sommet affiche ainsi une ambition forte : « Eliminer les obstacles à l'égalité des sexes », le thème général des assises. Pour porter le plaidoyer, plusieurs leaders politiques ont honoré le rendez-vous, aux côtés de Paul Kagame, président du Rwanda, Moussa Faki Mahamat, président de la Commission de l'Union africaine, Sahle-Work Zewde, présidente de la République fédérale démocratique de l'Éthiopie et deux First Ladies (Margaret Kenyatta et Jeannette Kagame) étaient présents avec une intention affichée d'appeler à l'effectivité de l'autonomisation de la femme et aussi réclamer la réalité de la parité homme-femme dans tous les secteurs et toutes les administrations en Afrique. À l'**Auditorium du Kigali Convention Center**, les chiffres contenus dans les interventions soulignaient l'impérative nécessité de passer de la rhétorique à l'action. Adesina Akinwunmi, président de la BAD a parlé d'un déficit de financement en faveur de la femme africaine d'un montant de 42 milliards de dollar. Pourtant, bien que exclues des systèmes bancaires, les femmes sont crédibles, 90% de celles qui obtiennent des prêts les remboursent.

Autres statistiques qui amènent à accorder plus de chance aux femmes, c'est que ces dernières représentent 62% de la population africaine et produisent 80% des aliments consommés sur le continent. Outre l'expansion de ce financement innovant, on explore les pistes d'amélioration de l'environnement juridique, réglementaire et institutionnel favorable ainsi que la garantie de la **participation de la femme aux financements**.

En ouvrant les travaux lundi, 25 novembre 2019 Paul Kagame a reconnu que partager un monde où les femmes jouent un rôle central n'est que justice.

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Intervenant à l'ouverture du Sommet, le Président Kagame a souligné que la question de l'égalité des sexes devrait être le présupposé permanent des objectifs de toute initiative, insistant sur l'importance de multiplier les actions visant à renforcer l'autonomie des femmes. «Les femmes sont nos mères, nos sœurs, nos épouses et nos filles... À chaque fois que les femmes sont impliquées dans le processus de prise de décision, la société gagne davantage», a-t-il noté. De son côté, M. Adesina a déclaré que la BAD a pris les devants, depuis plusieurs années, pour promouvoir l'égalité des sexes, ajoutant que l'institution a lancé ou soutenu de nombreuses initiatives pour combler le déficit de financement qui affecte les femmes en Afrique, à l'instar de l'initiative panafricaine de grande ampleur «Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa» (AFAWA). Il a ajouté que ce Sommet constitue l'occasion de partager les meilleures pratiques permettant de stimuler l'innovation en vue d'accélérer les progrès en matière d'égalité des sexes. Plusieurs thématiques phares devraient dominer les débats au Sommet de Kigali, dont «La montée en puissance des financements innovants», «Les mécanismes de promotion de la femme au sein de la société» ou encore «Les contraintes qui affectent l'égalité des sexes». Parmi les contraintes identifiées par les participants lors de la première journée, figurent notamment l'impunité, l'insuffisance d'appui institutionnel à la mise en place de programmes nationaux pour la promotion de l'égalité de genre et surtout l'ignorance des problèmes des femmes marginalisées, notamment les violences sexuelles. Selon les organisateurs, le lancement d'un mécanisme innovant pour le partage des risques dans le cadre de l'initiative AFAWA sera l'un des points forts de cette réunion de trois jours. AFAWA a bénéficié d'un soutien de 251 millions de dollars américains de la part des Chefs d'État du G7 et d'une allocation de 61,8 millions de dollars de plusieurs partenaires mondiaux de la BAD dans le cadre de l'initiative de financement en faveur des femmes entrepreneurs.

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Kigali (© 2019 Afriquinfos)- Le Sommet mondial du Genre, le tout premier qu'accueille l'Afrique s'est ouvert, lundi, à Kigali sur le Genre «symbole d'égalité des sexes ».

« Nous devons travailler de concert pour que l'égalité des sexes puisse s'installer confortablement. (...) Il y a beaucoup de leçon à tirer, il faudrait faire les choses et apprendre à faire changer pour qu'on puisse évaluer et voir le chemin à parcourir dans l'avenir. (...) Aujourd'hui nous avons ce sommet sur le Genre pour la première en Afrique. Il faut donner un sens », a expliqué le président Paul Kagamé à l'ouverture des travaux.

C'est un élan politique encourageant, selon le président de la Banque africaine de développement (BAD) Dr Akinwumi Adesina pour qui il aura un impact positif.

où le président rwandais, Paul Kagamé a invité ses homologues africains à travailler de concert pour que l'égalité des sexes puisse s'installer confortablement sur le continent.

Ce sommet mondial s'est ouvert en présence du président Paul Kagamé et de la présidente de l'Etat fédérale de l'Ethiopie, Sahle – Work Zewbe.

«Alors que nous sommes réunis ce jour à l'occasion du sommet mondial sur le Genre, nous devons réfléchir sur la manière d'accroître les possibilités économiques, sociales et politiques pour les femmes et les filles. Un monde plus intelligent doit investir dans les femmes et les filles », a souligné M. Adesina.

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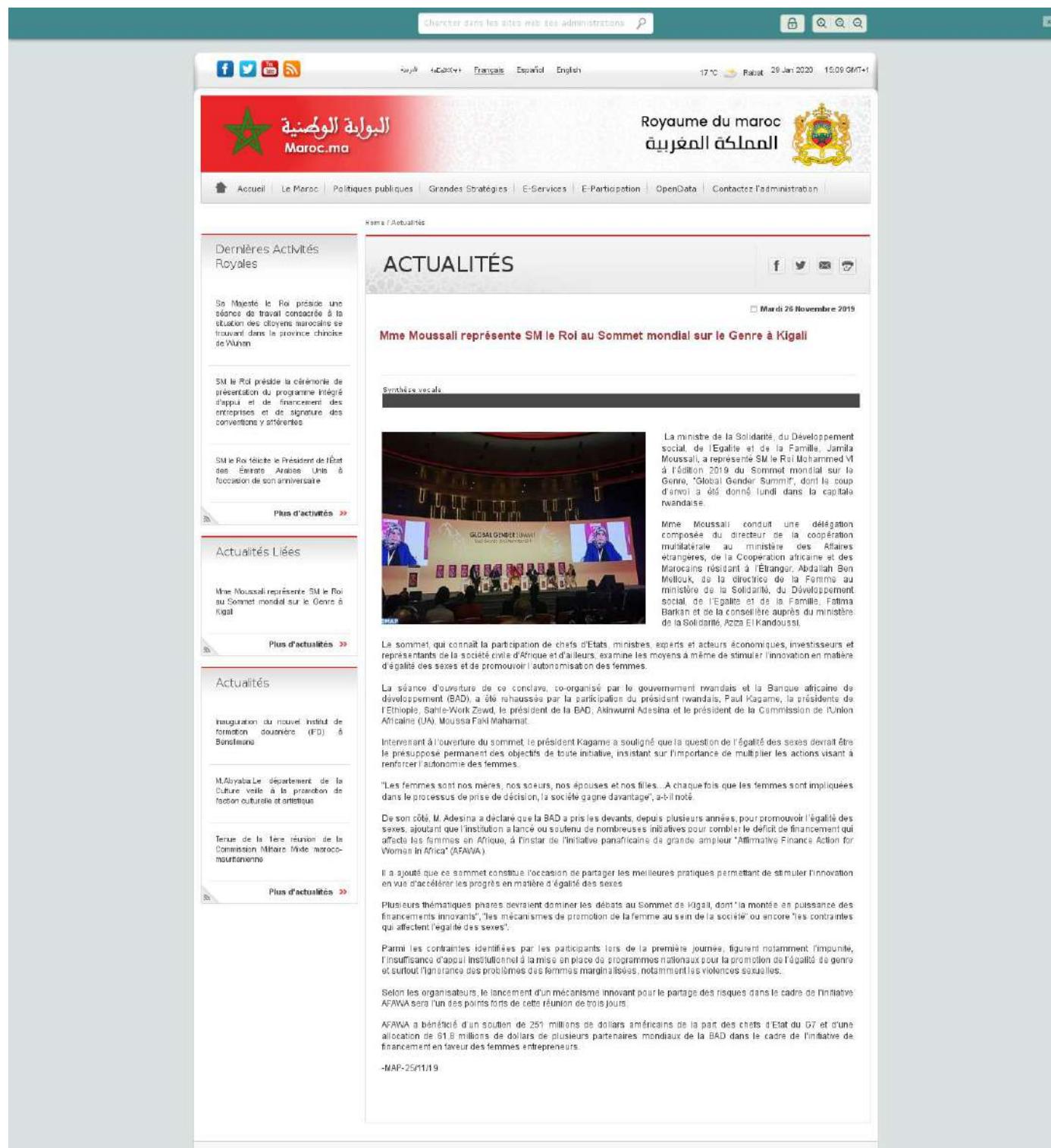
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Il a souligné que le sommet mondial sur le Genre, de son côté, vise à encourager les meilleures pratiques existantes et à stimuler l'innovation en matière d'égalité des sexes.

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«Elles ont été soustraites de l'éducation, soustraites de l'accès aux droits légaux à la terre et à la propriété, soustraites de l'accès au financement, soustraites des postes de direction dans les Conseils d'administration, soustraites des processus politiques. Pour changer le monde, il suffit de revenir à l'essentiel, à l'arithmétique de l'école primaire et d'ajouter un à un pour en faire deux », a-t-il expliqué.

« L'écosystème doit être modifié pour faire faveur à la femme. Si une banque vient demander un appui à la BAD je lui demanderai la liste de son programme sur les femmes ... Je suis très fier d'affirmer que j'ai toujours été un ardent défenseur des femmes et des problématiques féminines ! » a poursuivi Dr Akinwumi Adesina.

Selon lui, les femmes donnent la vie. Alors priver les femmes des possibilités d'exceller, c'est manquer de « bon sens ».

« La chose élémentaire de base que l'on enseigne à un enfant est que $1 + 1 = 2$. De toute évidence, les additions donnent des valeurs plus élevées. Et la soustraction diminue la valeur. Ainsi $2 - 1 = 1$. On pourrait donc supposer que le monde serait assez intelligent pour comprendre que les choses iront mieux avec l'addition, et non avec la soustraction », a encore ajouté le président de la BAD.

Convaincu que les femmes sont une proportion écrasante de 90 % en termes de remboursement des prêts à l'échelle mondiale, Dr Akinwumi Adesina pense que « c'est le lieu et l'occasion de réfléchir sur la manière d'accroître les possibilités économiques, sociales et politiques pour les femmes et les filles ».

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«Elles ont été soustraites de l'éducation, soustraites de l'accès aux droits légaux à la terre et à la propriété, soustraites de l'accès au financement, soustraites des postes de direction dans les Conseils d'administration, soustraites des processus politiques. Pour changer le monde, il suffit de revenir à l'essentiel, à l'arithmétique de l'école primaire et d'ajouter un à un pour en faire deux », a-t-il expliqué.

« L'écosystème doit être modifié pour faire place à la femme. Si une banque vient demander un appui à la BAD je lui demanderai la liste de son programme sur les femmes... Je suis très fier d'affirmer que j'ai toujours été un ardent défenseur des femmes et des problématiques féminines ! » a poursuivi Dr Akinwumi Adesina.

Selon lui, les femmes donnent la vie. Alors priver les femmes des possibilités d'exceller, c'est manquer de « bon sens ».

« La chose élémentaire de base que l'on enseigne à un enfant est que $1 + 1 = 2$. De toute évidence, les additions donnent des valeurs plus élevées. Et la soustraction diminue la valeur. Ainsi $2 - 1 = 1$. On pourrait donc supposer que le monde serait assez intelligent pour comprendre que les choses iront mieux avec l'addition, et non avec la soustraction », a encore ajouté le président de la BAD.

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De son côté, M. Adesina a déclaré que la BAD a pris les devants, depuis plusieurs années, pour promouvoir l'égalité des sexes, ajoutant que l'institution a lancé ou soutenu de nombreuses initiatives pour combler le déficit de financement qui affecte les femmes en Afrique, à l'instar de l'initiative panafricaine de grande ampleur "Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa" (AFAWA).

Il a ajouté que ce sommet constitue l'occasion de partager les meilleures pratiques permettant de stimuler l'innovation en vue d'accélérer les progrès en matière d'égalité des sexes.

Plusieurs thématiques phares devraient dominer les débats au Sommet de Kigali, dont "la montée en puissance des financements innovants", "les mécanismes de promotion de la femme au sein de la société" ou encore "les contraintes qui affectent l'égalité des sexes".

Parmi les contraintes identifiées par les participants lors de la première journée, figurent notamment l'impunité, l'insuffisance d'appui institutionnel à la mise en place de programmes nationaux pour la promotion de l'égalité de genre et surtout l'ignorance des problèmes des femmes marginalisées, notamment les violences sexuelles.

Selon les organisateurs, le lancement d'un mécanisme innovant pour le partage des risques dans le cadre de l'initiative AFAWA sera l'un des points forts de cette réunion de trois jours.

AFAWA a bénéficié d'un soutien de 251 millions de dollars américains de la part des chefs d'État du G7 et d'une allocation de 61,8 millions de dollars de plusieurs partenaires mondiaux de la BAD dans le cadre de l'initiative de financement en faveur des femmes entrepreneurs.



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Quand à la seule femme présidente en l'Afrique, Sahle-Work Zewde, présidente de l'Etat fédérale d'Ethiopie qui a félicité son pays d'avoir compris l'innovation Genre, elle a qualifié cet état d'esprit de « miracle de la volonté politique ».

« L'Ethiopie s'inscrit dans une initiative dynamique depuis un an et demi, et cela est le résultat d'une transformation des mentalités. (...) 2018 a été une année déterminante en Ethiopie, ça été le résultat d'une transformation globale de mon pays », a-t-elle expliqué.

« Ce qui s'est passé en Ethiopie a été un miracle de la volonté politique (...) Le défi pour nous, il faudrait se forcer à changer totalement les mentalités. (...) Il faut passer de la théorie à l'action, le temps vous appartient les femmes, ensemble nous constituons une force », a insisté Sahle-Work Zewde.

Moussa Faki Mahamat, président de la Commission de l'Union africaine a pour son part souhaité que la décennie 2021-2031 soit placée sous le signe de l'intégration financière de la femme, soutenant que « ça sera de normaliser une situation qui était de nature anormale ». Poursuivant, il a rappelé que l'égalité du Genre est inscrite en lettre d'or dans les

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Initié depuis quelques années, il vise à relier 50 millions de femmes d'affaires africaines à travers une plateforme numérique, disponible sur le web et sur des appareils mobiles sous forme d'application. Il cible trois grands regroupements sous-régionaux du continent, à savoir : la Communauté de l'Afrique de l'Est (EAC), le Marché commun de l'Afrique orientale et australe (COMESA) et la Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (CEDEAO).

Cette plateforme s'inscrit dans une visée de promotion de l'autonomisation économique de millions de femmes africaines, en leur offrant un guichet unique pour leurs besoins spécifiques d'information afin qu'elles puissent créer et développer des entreprises.

Selon la Banque africaine de développement, on estime à 42 milliards de dollars, le déficit de financement des femmes africaines dans l'ensemble des chaînes de valeur des entreprises, dont 15,6 milliards dans le seul secteur agricole. Cela oblige donc les femmes entrepreneures du continent à compter sur l'épargne personnelle et les prêts familiaux qui sont rarement suffisants pour financer leurs entreprises à grande échelle.

Le projet permettra aux femmes de 38 pays africains de trouver des informations sur la gestion des entreprises, l'accès aux services financiers, la création d'opportunités commerciales en ligne et l'accès aux ressources de formation.

« Dans la région de l'Afrique de l'Est, 65 % des produits de base échangés proviennent de l'agriculture, un secteur qui emploie 80 % de femmes. La plateforme aidera cette grande partie de notre population à élargir ses marchés et à saisir de nouvelles opportunités », a déclaré Christophe Bazivamo, secrétaire général adjoint de l'EAC cité par NewTimes.

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C'est élan politique encourageant, selon le président de la Banque africaine de développement (BAD) Dr Akinwumi Adesina pour qui il aura un impact positif.

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Zewde was speaking during the opening plenary of the Global Gender Summit, a biennial event organized by the multilateral development banks (MDBs), bringing together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society, and academia. The Summit is taking place in Kigali Rwanda from 25th to November 27th.

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"When women borrow, they always repay. And 90 percent of them repay their loans without the least problem. So, where is the risk? The problem is prejudice and the banks' lack of flexibility. We must leave this behind to allow women access to financing," Adesina said at the inaugural session of the Global Gender Summit.

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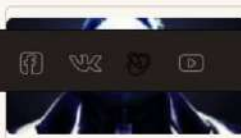


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The panel also discussed innovations related to financial technology, alternative credit information, and online tools for financial services as a way to grow businesses.

In some developing regions of the world, women face challenges getting basic documents like a birth certificate, required by commercial bank applications.

Tesi Rusagara, the head of Kigali Innovation City, said the more services for documentation and financing tools are brought online, the more value will be created for women.

John Wilson, CEO of Equity Bank, added that it is important to not only use data and technology in financial services, but to also have a physical presence where clients are, to make a human connection.

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Dr Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank (AfDB) has called for greater access to finance for African women.

A statement by the bank said that Akinwumi made the call when he addressed the inaugural session of the Global Gender Summit.

News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that AfDB and the government of Rwanda are hosting the Global Gender Summit from Nov. 25 to Nov. 27 in Kigali.

The Summit is being organised by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group.

"When women borrow, they always repay and 90 per cent of them repay their loans without the least problem.

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According to him, the financial sector has a responsibility to the women of Africa.

"From now on, we shall be grading every African financial institution for how well it helps women.

"Every financial ecosystem must evolve to support women. And we are going to put pressure on the guarantee banks," Adesina said.

Salimata Dieng, the Senegalese Minister of Women, Family and Gender emphasised the need for financial institutions to support initiatives from women.

"These women have relatively moderate finance needs, just enough to create projects and jobs.

"They need support from the private sector and the banks to help them weave their way into the economy," she said.

Andrew Temu, President of the African Guarantee Fund, advocated holding discussions with countries to improve the business environment.

According to Temu, what is especially needed is legislation that reassures the banks.

"There are a number of actors, banks, investors, entrepreneurs and clients operating within the economic market. Everyone needs to be in communication to address the risks," Temu said.

Joséphine Anan-Ankomah, the Chief Executive Officer of Ecobank Group said that the bank was already making big strides to gender parity.

She said that the pan-African bank had signed up to the African Union gender parity principle of 50/50.

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The panel, made up of First Ladies Kagame, Margaret Kenyatta, ministers and development experts, observed that too many women and girls still face barriers to basic rights, particularly access to labour market opportunities.

Rwanda's First Lady recalled the role women played following the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi, where a number of families were wiped out, with women in many cases being the ones catering for families.

"What a man can do, a woman can do just as well," she added.

She described the Summit as an important platform to highlight issues of women equality.

Rwanda has implemented gender several inclusive programs, which has enhanced economic equality in a country where women political participation has grown to 61% percent.

First Lady Kenyatta called for the removal of institutional barriers to accelerate women's economic empowerment, "It has become urgent for Africa to translate its demographic dividend into viable potential."

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The session headed "Unlocking women's access to finance in Africa" had a panel of high-level speakers, including Salimata Diop Dieng, the Senegalese Minister of Women, Family and Gender; Andrew Temu, President of the African Guarantee Fund; Kennedy Uzoka, President and CEO of United Bank of Africa (UBA); Josephine Anan-Ankomah, CEO of Ecobank Group; and Christine Ngiriye, an entrepreneur.

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"A world that denies women opportunities to excel is not a smart world," AfDB President, Akinwumi Adesina said in an opening speech. He estimated that in Africa over 70 percent of women are excluded financially, creating a financing gap of \$42 billion between men and women in Africa.

Adesina went on to state the importance of women to the growth of any economy, "...women are the best investments any society can make." In a study by McKinsey, equal and full participation of women can add \$28 trillion to global wealth by 2025, which is an increase of 26 percent in global annual GDP.

With the belief that women are bankable, AfDB launched the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA), to mobilize \$3 billion lending scheme by banks and financial institutions for women in Africa. This will aid the financial inclusion of women in different countries on the continent.

Also speaking at the summit, Jeannette Kagame, the First Lady of Rwanda explains how she believes that investing in women and girls especially "through inclusive policies, legal and strategic frameworks" will set a strong stage for gender equality. Currently, 61 percent of Rwanda's lawmakers are women, which is the highest in the world.

However, she also maintained that there are some harmful and outdated traditional beliefs common to the African continent that



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Rwanda's First Lady recalled the role women played following the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi, where a number of families were wiped out, with women in many cases being the ones catering for families.

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She described the Summit as an important platform to highlight issues of women equality.

Rwanda has implemented gender several inclusive programs, which has enhanced economic equality in a country where women political participation has grown to 61% percent.

First Lady Kenyatta called for the removal of institutional barriers to accelerate women's economic empowerment, "It has become urgent for Africa to translate its demographic dividend into viable potential."

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A new McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) report prepared with McKinsey & Company, Africa, The power of parity: Advancing women's equality in Africa finds that accelerating progress towards parity could boost African economies by the equivalent of 10 percent of their collective GDP by 2025.

The report was launched Tuesday at the 2019 Global Gender Summit co-hosted by the African Development Bank and Rwanda under the theme: "Unpacking constraints to gender equality."

"Gender equality is not a western agenda, it is not somebody else agenda; it's a global agenda for growth for inclusive growth for economic development, for society to thrive," said Vanessa Mounzar, Bank Director for Women, Gender, and Civil Society.

The report examines the potential boost to African economic growth as a result of

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Close to \$1.5-trillion financing gap for women-led small and medium-sized enterprises still exists in globally and about 70 percent of women are financially excluded in Africa.

The continent has a \$42-billion financing gap between men and women and women, who are the majority of farmers in Africa, face financing gap of close to \$16-billion.

President of the African Development Bank Group, **Akinwumi Adesina** said an overwhelming 90 percent of women pay back their loans and that is why smart banks would lend to women.

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Minister of Solidarity Represents HM the King at Global Gender Summit in Kigali

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Minister of solidarity, social development, equality and family, Jamila Moussali, represents HM King Mohammed VI at the 2019 edition of the Global Gender Summit, which kicked off Monday in the Rwandan capital.

Moussali leads a delegation that includes director of multilateral cooperation at the ministry of foreign affairs, African cooperation and Moroccan expatriates, Abdallah Ben Mellouk, director of women at the ministry of solidarity, social development, equality and family, Fatima Barkan, and adviser to the ministry of solidarity, Aziza El Kandoussi.

The three-day summit is organized by the African Development Bank with other multilateral development bank partners. The biennial event brings together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society and academia.

With the theme "Unpacking constraints to gender equality", the summit will consider three dimensions in which gender equality and women's empowerment can be achieved: scaling up innovative financing; enabling legal, regulatory and institutional environments; and securing women's participation and voices.

The main objective of the summit is to share best practices and catalyze investment to accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and around the world.

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Asian Development Bank's Gender Lead, Sakiko Tanaka, noted this 2019 Global Gender Summit has seen increased awareness of the need for women's financial inclusion to achieve gender equality.

“There's more money coming in for gender equality. However, there are still major gaps globally

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50 Million African Women Speak platform provides information on starting and growing a business, and has a social networking feature for women entrepreneurs to learn from and do business with each other

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Kigali, Monday, 25 November 2019 - A digital platform specifically designed to address the information needs of women in business and connect them via a custom-built social networking tool was launched today in Kigali, Rwanda.

The platform, known as 50 Million African Women Speak, was unveiled during the Global Gender Summit taking place in the Rwandan capital. It primarily seeks to help economically empower women by providing a one-stop shop for a wide range of financial and non-financial services that women need to start and grow successful businesses.

The initiative which is accessible at www.womenconnect.org is implemented by the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East African Community (EAC) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). It will allow women in 38 African countries to find information on running businesses, accessing financial services, create business opportunities online and access training resources, ultimately contributing to their economic empowerment.

'I certainly believe that the creation of this platform is a very practical way of speaking to the general agenda of empowering women. I think a lot has been said and now we have come to a stage where we have practical initiatives such as this one,' said COMESA Secretary General Chileshe Kapwepwe.

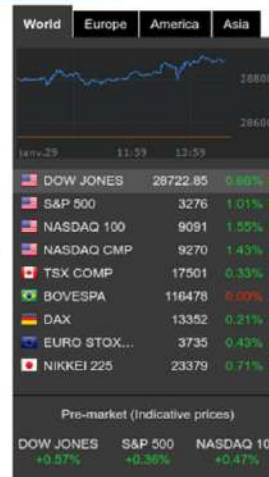
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The African Development Bank and the government of Rwanda are hosting the Global Gender Summit from 25 to 27 November in Kigali. The Summit is being organised by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group on gender for the first time in Africa.

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The commitment was made today by the bank's Deputy Director-General Nnenna Nwabufu during a meeting with First Lady Margaret Kenyatta on the sidelines of the ongoing Global Gender Summit in Kigali, Rwanda.

Nwabufu singled out capacity-building activities for Kenyan women in business as one of the areas that the bank is keen on supporting.

"We could do this through capacity building to enable women (Kenyan) to benefit from development projects implemented by the government in partnership with African Development Bank," Nwabufu said.

Nwabufu, who heads AfDB's East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery office, assured the First Lady that she is committed to ensuring that women in Kenya gain from the bank's Affirmative Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) projects.

The Kenyan First Lady welcomed AfDB's commitment to partner with Kenyan women saying it will go a long way in transforming the lives of the beneficiaries.

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Moussali leads a delegation composed of the Director of Multilateral Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans Residing Abroad, Abdallah Ben Mellouk, the Director of Women at the Ministry of Solidarity, Social Development, of Equality and Family, Fatima Barkan and the adviser to the Ministry of Solidarity, Aziza El Kandoussi.

The summit, which is attended by heads of state, ministers, experts and economic actors, investors and representatives of civil society from Africa and elsewhere, examines ways to boost innovation in equality gender equality and promote women's empowerment.

The opening session of this conclave, co-organized by the Rwandan government and the African Development Bank (AfDB), was enhanced by the participation of Rwandan President Paul Kagame, President of Ethiopia, Sahle-Work Zewde, AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AU), Moussa Faki Mahamat.

Speaking at the opening of the summit, President Kagame stressed that the issue of gender equality should be the permanent assumption of the objectives of any initiative, stressing the importance of multiplying actions aimed at empowering women.

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For its part, Adesina said the AfDB has taken the lead, for several years, to promote gender equality, adding that the institution has launched or supported many initiatives to address the funding gap that is affecting women in Africa, as is the case of the pan-Africa wide-ranging Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative.

He added that this summit is an opportunity to share best practices for stimulating innovation to accelerate progress on gender equality.

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Speakers at a plenary session on peacebuilding called for home-grown solutions to conflict and the participation of women in policy and decision making at local, national and regional levels.

“Africa needs to silence the guns. We need to develop our own action plans, not waiting for donor organizations and development partners,” said Bineta Diop, the African Union’s Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security. “Most of the time we don’t look at what fuels the conflicts. We need to invite women to the table of discussions and negotiations.”

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Bring women to the table to build peace in Africa, say gender experts

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Women bear the brunt of conflict and for peace building to be successful they must be involved in conflict resolution and reconstruction at every stage, said gender experts at the 2019 Global Gender Summit in Kigali on Tuesday.

Speakers at a plenary session on peacebuilding called for home-grown solutions to conflict and the participation of women in policy and decision making at local, national and regional levels.

"Africa needs to silence the guns. We need to develop our own action plans, not waiting for donor organizations and development partners," said Bineta Diop, the African Union's Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security. "Most of the time we don't look at what fuels the conflicts. We need to invite women to the table of discussions and negotiations."

The Senegalese women's rights activist noted that Africa is home to one third of the global refugee population, the majority of them women and children. Frameworks on peace and conflict resolution need to be urgently implemented, she said.

"The African Union is leading with initiatives in this regard, but we require everyone on board," Diop said, noting the African Development Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative.

The African Development Bank and the government of Rwanda are hosting the Global Gender Summit from 25 to 27 November in Kigali. The Summit, held for the first time in Africa, is being organized by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group on gender.

Government representatives from Côte d'Ivoire and Rwanda shared insights into how they incorporated women into post-conflict peace processes.

Euphrasie Kouassi Yao, special advisor on gender to Côte d'Ivoire President Alassane Ouattara, said women's empowerment and inclusion were critical to the peace process following civil conflicts in her country.

"If we want Africa to be at peace, women must be empowered. And as we move towards elections next year, we are preparing women to be ambassadors of peace. It is about getting all women involved and empowered, from rural, urban, and even those in the diaspora," Kouassi Yao said.

She said Côte d'Ivoire was the first African country to develop a conflict resolution plan independent of donor agencies.

"From our experience, for sustainable peace to happen, women should be at [the centre of] decision making. Women must be involved in peace planning, implementation, and reconstruction," she said. "The peace process and mechanism must be home grown and not led by donors."

Gorette Mwenzangu, the Director of Gender Promotion at the Rwanda National Police told the session: "When women are in decision making, you experience peace."

The police officer, who is also the coordinator of Rwanda's Isange One Stop Centre for gender-based violence, said Rwanda was willing to share knowledge and experience after the 1994 genocide in the country.

"Getting women from crisis to leading the process of peace is critical," Mwenzangu said.

The Coordinator of the G5 Sahel women's platform, Justine Coulibati-Kielem, said without women onboard, it is difficult to achieve peace in any context.

"Women are constantly killed and targeted during conflicts. The challenges of women in peace building requires inclusion," said Coulibati-Kielem. "More than ever before, women have to be at the forefront of peace building."

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A smarter world must invest in women and girls

Adesina: A world that denies women the opportunities to excel is not a smart world.



By Akinwumi Adesina Published : November 26, 2019

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Ms Nwabufo singled out capacity building activities for Kenyan women in business as one of the areas that the bank is keen on supporting.

"We could do this through capacity building to enable women (Kenyan) to benefit from development projects implemented by the government in partnership with African Development Bank," Ms Nwabufo said.

Ms Nwabufo, who heads AfDB's East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery office, assured the First Lady that she is committed to ensuring that women in Kenya gain from the bank's Affirmative Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) projects.

The Kenyan First Lady welcomed AfDB's commitment to partner with Kenyan women saying it will go a long way in transforming the lives of the beneficiaries.

She said the Beyond Zero initiative was open to act as one of the platforms through which the African Development Bank could directly engage women in the country.

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Rwandan President, Paul Kagame, has challenged his peers on the continent to take the issue of gender equality seriously. He was speaking at the opening of the first Global Gender Summit to be hosted at the Kigali Convention Centre.

The main objective of the summit is to share best practices and investment to accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and around the world.

Rwanda is a country that is being commended for gender parity, one of the few countries on the continent that has ensured that both the executive and Parliament is well balanced. The three-day summit is organised by the African Development Bank with other multilateral partners.

Held under the theme, "Unpacking constraints to gender equality," the summit will dig deep into three dimensions in which gender equality and women empowerment can be achieved. The dimensions include scaling up innovative financing, enabling legal, regulatory and institutional environments.

Kagame says there is still a lot of work to be done in terms of narrowing the gender gaps that still exist. President of the African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina, says women are the best investment any society can make.

Speaking at a panel discussion, Ethiopian President Sahle-Work Zewde said more still needs to be done to ensure that women occupy critical leadership positions in the society.

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Global Gender Summit 2019: "Put prejudice behind us and give women access to finance," says Akinwumi Adesina

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According to Adesina the financial sector had a responsibility to the women of Africa

KIGALI, Rwanda, November 26, 2019/APO Group/ — African Development Bank (AfDB.org) President Akinwumi Adesina has called for greater access to finance for African women when he addressed the inaugural session of the Global Gender Summit.

"When women borrow, they always repay. And 90% of them repay their loans without the least problem. So, where is the risk? The problem is prejudice and the banks' lack of flexibility. We must leave this behind to allow women access to financing," President Adesina urged.

The session headed "**Unlocking women's access to finance in Africa**" had a panel of high-level speakers, including Salimata Diop Dieng, the Senegalese Minister of Women, Family and Gender; Andrew Temu, President of the African Guarantee Fund; Kennedy Uzoka, President and CEO of United Bank of Africa (UBA); Josephine Anan-Ankomah, CEO of Ecobank Group; and Christine Ndirye, an entrepreneur.

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Andrew Temu advocated "holding discussions with countries to improve the business environment. What is especially needed is legislation that reassures the banks. There are a number of actors, banks, investors, entrepreneurs and clients operating within the economic market. Everyone needs to be in communication to address the risks."

For Anan-Ankomah, ECOBANK is already making big strides to gender parity. The pan-African bank has signed up to the African Union gender parity principle of 50/50. "Currently we are at 48% and out of that, 30% of those women are in senior management positions," she said.

Ndirye said that she had seen little change in nearly 30 years: "The problem that comes up again and again is that of collateral."

According to Adesina the financial sector had a responsibility to the women of Africa. And he made an announcement: "From now on, we shall be grading every African financial institution for how well it helps women. Every financial ecosystem must evolve to support women. And we are going to put pressure on the guarantee banks."

The African Development Bank and the government of Rwanda are hosting the Global Gender Summit from 25 to 27 November in Kigali. The Summit is being organised by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group on gender for the first time in Africa.

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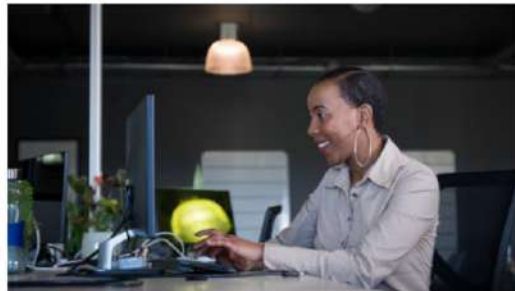


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The African Development Bank (AfDB) launched an initiative officially on Monday to bridge the 42-billion-U.S.-dollar financing gap facing women entrepreneurs in Africa.

The initiative, dubbed Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA), was jointly launched by the AfDB and African Guarantee Fund to cover the potential losses of African financial institutions lending money to women entrepreneurs, said AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina at the 4th Global Gender Summit in Kigali.

This risk-sharing project will encourage financial institutions to lend to women-led businesses and reduce burdensome collateral requirement, said Adesina.

The AFAWA will leverage G7 donor resources to generate up to three billion dollars' new lending to women entrepreneurs across Africa

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"What a man can do, a woman can do just as well," she added.

She described the Summit as an important platform to highlight issues of women equality.

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The African Development Bank has launched a multibillion initiative to bridge the funding gap facing women.

The financial package was announced at the Global Gender Summit in Kigali through a programme dubbed Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) Risk-Sharing Facility.

The gender summit, the first to be held on the continent, runs from November 26 to 27 under the theme: "Unpacking constraints to gender equality."

AFAWA aims to close the \$42-billion gender credit gap of facing women enterprises in Africa.

In Africa, AfDB says, 70 per cent of women are financially excluded.

The continent has a \$42 billion financing gap between men and women, the Bank says. Women, who are mainly engaged in farming, face a financing deficit of close to \$16 billion in agriculture alone, it adds.

AFAWA's approach, according to the Bank, challenges the gender gap in access to finance and liberates women's entrepreneurial capacity in Africa.

Akinwumi Adesina, the African Development Bank President, said that the Bank will invest \$300 million in the facility so as to generate up to \$3 billion new lending banks and financial institutions to women enterprises across Africa over the next 5-years.

Uzziel Ndajiminana, the Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, said Rwanda fully supports this initiative and is ready to work with AfDB to make it a success.

The Government has committed to contribute \$1 million in support of AFAWA, according to a tweet by the Government of Rwanda says.

The funds, considered as guarantee will be channelled through various banks operating on the continent, as well as the Africa Guarantee Fund, according to AfDB.

"We want that for every \$1 that we guarantee, we get 10 times that (\$10) for financing women," Adesina said, pointing out that in case banks want to get credit lines from AfDB, they will be first asked to show what they have done in line with financing women.

He indicated that, generally, it was realised that banks are not willing to lend to women just because they are biased against them, not because women do not repay their loans.

"The African Development Bank believes in women. Women are bankable," Adesina said.

He explained that over 90 per cent of women's enterprises pay back their loans.



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"We want to de-risk the bias of banks not lending to women," Adesina said.

The risk-sharing facility will offset potential losses of the African financial institutions that lend to women enterprises without requesting for collateral.

Sahle-Work Zewde, the President of Ethiopia, said that for long the call for capacity building among women had attracted little attention.

"Women need access to education for them to catch up with their male counterparts, and be competitive," she said.

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Nwabufo, who heads AfDB's East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery office, assured the First Lady that she is committed to ensuring that women in Kenya gain from the bank's Affirmative Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) projects.

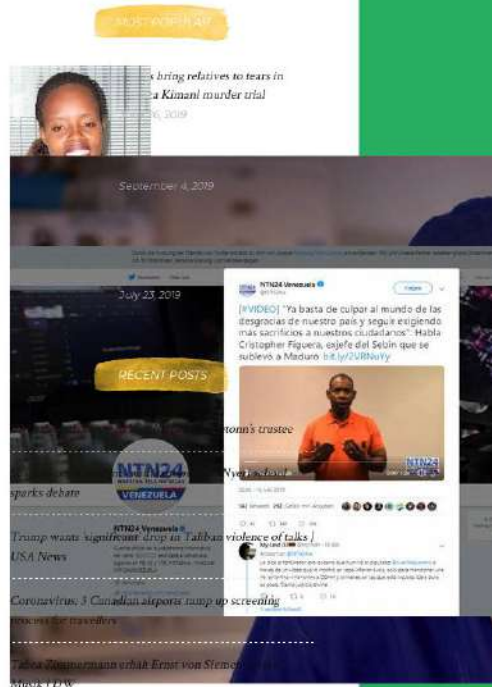
The Kenyan First Lady welcomed AfDB's commitment to partner with Kenyan women saying it will go a long way in transforming the lives of the beneficiaries.

She said the Beyond Zero initiative was open to act as one of the platforms through which the African Development Bank could directly engage women in the country.

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If you are a gender champion, then you are familiar with the discussions around the glass cliff. The story of women eager to defy the odds, accepting leadership roles at times of crisis, when the chance of failure is the highest. The truth is that many bold glass cliff climbers have succeeded without falling off.

Two of such champions come to my mind: the former Xerox CEO Anne Mulcah and Tokunboh Ishmael, co-founder of Allethia IDE.

Mulcah, Ishmael and likeminded agents of change have already shattered the status quo. So, when the first Global Gender Summit held in Africa kicks off on November 25th in Kigali, Rwanda, the international community will hurtle towards heeding the calls to dismantle barriers to women's full participation and advancement economic development on the continent.

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The Summit, organised by the Multilateral Development Banks' (MDBs) Working Group on gender, will be held in Africa for the first time ever, from the 25th to 27th November 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. This year's summit is hosted by the African Development Bank (www.afdb.org) in partnership with the Government of Rwanda and supported by other multilateral development banks as key partners.

Under the theme "Unpacking constraints to gender equality," the Global Gender Summit will share best practices and seek innovative solutions that can be harnessed to empower women and girls in Africa and around the world.

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Welcome to the Global Gender Summit!

I wish to welcome all participants, ministers and leaders from around the world to this event organised by the African Development Bank, together with all sister multilateral development banks, and hosted by the Government of Rwanda. This is the first time that the Global Gender Summit is being held in Africa.

I wish to thank you, Your Excellency President Paul Kagame of the Republic of Rwanda, for hosting us for this event. We are thankful to the government and people of Rwanda for your well-known warm hospitality. I'd like to specially appreciate your dear wife, Her Excellency, Jeannette Kagame, for her great work and efforts in driving issues of empowerment of women. You have in her a great partner! And I believe that's why you are always succeeding!

I'd like to welcome, Her Excellency, President Sahle-Work Zewde of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, my dear sister — Africa's only female president — for being with us. It's great to welcome, Her Excellency, Joyce Banda, former President of the Republic of Malawi, for being here with us. You both are great examples and role models for all women in Africa. Africa needs more female Presidents!

I'd also like to welcome the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, Her Excellency, Margaret Kenyatta. Thank you for all you do to promote the empowerment of women.

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Zewde was speaking during the opening plenary of the Global Gender Summit, a biennial event organized by the multilateral development banks (MDBs), bringing together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society, and academia.

The Summit is taking place in Kigali Rwanda from 25th to November 27th.

"There is good momentum for women and African women, but the work has just started. "There is no template to follow...we (women) can deliver, but we can deliver differently," President Zewde said.

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, who officially opened the Summit, described gender equality as "real commonsense." Rwanda leads the world in gender representation in parliament with 61% of its parliamentarians being women — the highest in the world. In addition, half of all ministerial positions are held by women, just like in Ethiopia.

"We got it from the beginning that there is a lot of work to do...made investments to ensure that women are at the center of development. We are making sure that narrowing this gender gap is everyone's responsibility," President Kagame said.

Echoing their sentiments, Chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat said the African Union's Agenda 2063 was deliberate about gender parity.

"What we are telling our heads of states is to take the bull by the horns...This discrimination is political, economic, and social; it is politically incorrect, unjustifiable socially...not to take (gender) into account is a real waste."

In Africa, 70% of women are excluded financially. The continent has a \$42 billion financing gap between men and women. And women, who are the majority of farmers, face a financing gap of close to \$16 billion.

"The challenges are not just about gender. They are about under-representation and lack of empowerment of women," African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina said.

"A smarter world must invest in women and girls. Let's be smart, and let's be wise. Women are the best investment any society can make," he added.

The African Development Bank is doing its part to transform the financing landscape for women with the launch of the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA). AFAWA aims to mobilize \$3 billion of new lending by banks and financial institutions for women in Africa. 67 leaders approved a package totaling \$251 million in support of AFAWA during the summit in August.

Welcoming the conference participants, Rwanda's Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Soline Nyirahabimana, said the Kigali Conference center was set to glow orange in honor of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The 16 days kick off on November 25th, each year, which marks International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and runs until December 10th.

The 2019 Global Gender Summit is attended by the first ladies of Rwanda and Kenya as well as representatives of the heads of state of Gabon, Mali, Senegal, Chad and the King of Morocco. Also in attendance are ministers of genders from Niger, Somalia, Senegal, South Sudan, Tunisia, and Libya.

The Summit runs from 25th to 27th of November under the theme: 'Unpacking constraints to gender equality.'

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KIGALI (Reuters) - African countries need to diversify export markets and add value to raw materials as a trade war between the United States and China threatens to hit growth, the African Development Bank (AfDB) president said on Monday.

The continent's economy is expected to expand by 3.4% this year and 3.9% in 2020, Akinwumi Adesina told Reuters, but there are risks from a slowing global economy.

"Tensions between United States and China in terms of trade is a problem," he said. "Many African countries export ... raw materials to China. And so, if China's economy weakens (then) demand for raw materials from Africa weakens."

The United States and China, the two top economies in the world, have been embroiled in a 16-month trade war that has disrupted supply chains and been a drag for economies worldwide.

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The Bank's Department of Gender, Women and Civil Society, as well as its Climate Change and Green Growth Department, has been mobilizing funding from the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) or to strengthen capacity to address the interlinkages between gender and climate change in the work of Bank staff and the African CIF pilot countries. The African Development Bank/CIF Inclusive Climate Action Initiative is implemented by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) or and aims to support the concrete integration of gender considerations into future CIF initiatives.

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provides examples of how project actions can be tailored to increase women's participation in the labor force, both as part of a company's human resource or corporate social responsibility policies; and

shows how to measure the benefits accrued by women and men as a result of the project activities.

Moreover, the projects exemplify how companies can show their commitment to sponsor and strengthen the implementation of gender-responsive activities. Finally, the reports include a series of recommendations that can be set into action by companies working on similar projects.

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I wish to thank you, Your Excellency President Paul Kagame of the Republic of Rwanda, for hosting us for this event. We are thankful to the government and people of Rwanda for your well-known warm hospitality. I'd like to specially appreciate your dear wife, Her Excellency, Jeannette Kagame, for her great work and efforts in driving issues of empowerment of women. You have in her a great partner And I believe that's why you are always succeeding!

I'd like to welcome, Her Excellency, President Sahle-Work Zewde of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, my dear sister — Africa's only female president — for being with us. It's great to welcome, Her Excellency, Joyce Banda, former President of Malawi, and other Heads of State and Government.

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The African Development Bank is doing its part to transform the financial landscape for women with the launch of the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA). AFAWA aims to mobilize \$5 billion of new lending by banks and financial institutions for women in Africa. GF leaders approved a package totaling \$251 million in support of AFAWA during the summit in August.

Welcoming the conference participants, Rwanda's Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Soline Nyirashimana, said the Kigali Conference Center was set to glow orange in honor of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The 16 days kick off on November 25th, each year, which marks International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and runs until December 10th.

The 2019 Global Gender Summit is attended by the first ladies of Rwanda and Kenya as well as

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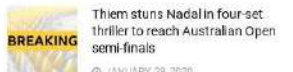
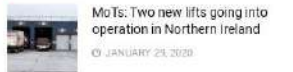
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The initiative which is accessible at www.womenconnect.org is implemented by the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East African Community (EAC) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

It will allow women in 38 African countries to find information on running businesses, accessing financial services, create business opportunities online and access training resources, ultimately contributing to their economic empowerment.

"I certainly believe that the creation of this platform is a very practical way of speaking to the general agenda of empowering women. I think a lot has been said and now we have come to a stage where we have practical initiatives such as this one," said COMESA Secretary General Chileshe Kapwepwe.

Through a robust social networking functionality that has been embedded in the platform, women will have opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, mentoring and sharing information and knowledge, connecting via the web-based platform or through the 50 Million African Women Speak mobile app.

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The biennial event brings together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society and academia.

With the theme "Unpacking constraints to gender equality", the summit will consider three dimensions in which gender equality and women's empowerment can be achieved: scaling up innovative financing; enabling legal, regulatory and institutional environments; and securing women's participation and voices.

The main objective of the summit is to share best practices and catalyze investment to accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and around the world.

Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Moussa Faki Mahamat, and a Rwandan President, Paul Kagame are also taking part on the summit.

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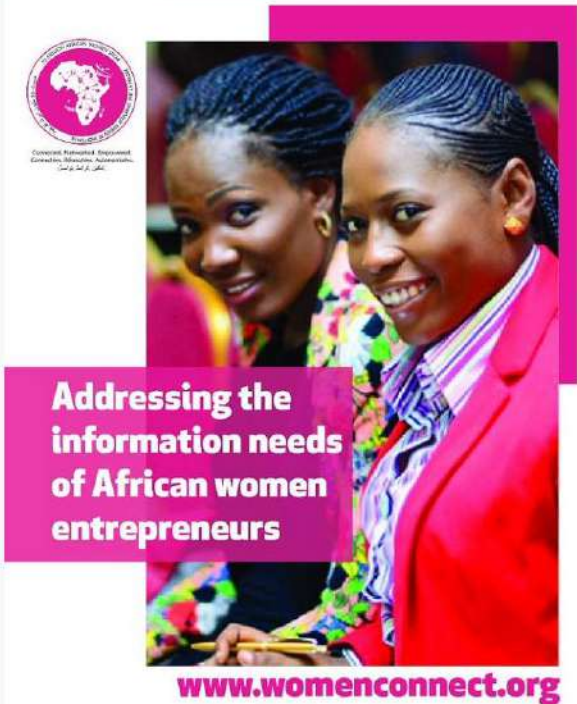
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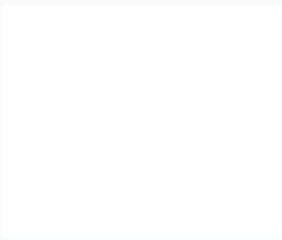
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Ladies and gentlemen:

Welcome to the Global Gender Summit!

I wish to welcome all participants, ministers and leaders from around the world to this event organised by the African Development Bank, together with all sister multilateral development banks, and hosted by the Government of Rwanda. This is the first time that the Global Gender Summit is being held in Africa.

I wish to thank you, Your Excellency President Paul Kagame of the Republic of Rwanda, for hosting us for this event. We are thankful to the government and people of Rwanda for your well-known warm hospitality. I'd like to specially appreciate your dear wife, Her Excellency, Jeannette Kagame, for her great work and efforts in driving issues of empowerment of women. You have in her a great partner! And I believe that's why you are always succeeding!

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Global Gender Summit 2019: African Leaders Take on the Responsibility to Urgently Close the Gender Gap

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'There is no template to follow...we (women) can deliver but we can deliver differently' – President Sahle-Work Zewde, President of Ethiopia; 'We are making sure that narrowing this gender gap is everyone's responsibility,' President Paul Kagame of Rwanda; 'This discrimination is political, economic and social; it is politically incorrect, unjustifiable socially.' – Chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat; 'A smarter world must invest in women and girls. Let's be smart and let's be wise. Women are the best investment any society can make,' Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, African Development Bank Group (<https://www.AfDB.org/>).

The 2019 Global Gender Summit, the first to be held on the continent, kicked off on Monday with a strong call to surge ahead on gender issues and move from commitment to action.

Africa's only female President, Sahle-Work Zewde of Ethiopia, said Ethiopia's parliament is one of the only two on the continent with over 50% gender parity in seats, and women currently hold key ministerial roles in defense and national security for the first time. Despite her own country's huge advances, however, the work has just started, she said.

Zewde was speaking during the opening plenary of the Global Gender Summit, a biennial event organized by the multilateral development banks (MDBs), bringing together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society, and academia.

The Summit is taking place in Kigali Rwanda from 25th to November 27th.

"There is good momentum for women and African women, but the work has just started..."There is no template to follow...we (women) can deliver, but we can deliver differently," President Zewde said.

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, who officially opened the Summit, described gender equality as "real commonsense." Rwanda leads the world in gender representation in parliament with 61% of its parliamentarians being women — the highest in the world. In addition, half of all ministerial positions are held by women, just like in Ethiopia.

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The 4th edition of the Global Gender Summit begins today in Kigali, bringing together over 2000 delegates, including Heads of State, Development partners, NGOs and academia to share experience on how to address challenges that hinder gender equality.

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The 2019 GGS takes place at the Kigali Convention Center between 25-27 November 2019 under the theme "Unpacking constraints to gender equality".

It is hosted by the Government of Rwanda in collaboration with African Development Bank.

The 2019 GGS focuses on three key dimensions to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment: scaling up innovative financing; fostering an enabling environment (legal, regulatory & institutional); and ensuring women's participation & voices.

These dimensions will be articulated around three main thematic areas: climate change, private sector development, and human capital and productive employment.

The digital revolution will also be addressed throughout the sessions as a cross-cutting theme.

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Rwanda: Networking Initiative Connecting 50 Million Women Entrepreneurs to Take Off in Kigali



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By James Karubanga

A new Pan-African networking platform to connect 50 million African women in business will be launched in Kigali next week during the upcoming Global Gender Summit.

This year's Global Gender Summit, is hosted by the African Development Bank in partnership with the government of Rwanda and supported by other multilateral development banks as key partners.

The 50 Million African Women Speak (50MAWS) is a digital platform, which is available via web and on mobile devices as an app.

It is intended to economically empower millions of women in Africa to start, grow, and scale up businesses by providing a one-stop-shop for their specific information needs.

The initiative's content will be accessible online and will be implemented by the East African Community (EAC), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

"I certainly believe that the creation of this platform is a very practical way of speaking to the general agenda of empowering women," COMESA Secretary General, Chileshe Kapwepwe, said.

"I think a lot has been said and now we have come to a stage where we have practical initiatives such as this one."

The digital platform will allow women in 38 African countries to find information on running businesses, accessing financial services, create business opportunities online and access training resources, ultimately contributing to their economic empowerment.

Through a robust social networking functionality embedded in the platform, women will have opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, mentoring and sharing information and knowledge, connecting via the web-based platform.

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"65 per cent of the traded commodities in the East Africa region come from agriculture, a sector that employs 80 per cent of women. This platform will help this big part of our population to expand markets and get new opportunities," said Christophe Bazivamo, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Productive and Social Sectors.

The platform also obtained an endorsement from ECOWAS' Commissioner in charge of Social Affairs and Gender, Dr Siga Fatima Jagne.

Dr Fatima said: "At the level of ECOWAS, this platform perfectly fits within the scope of the programme on gender strengthened in 2005 by the heads of state and government through the adoption of the gender policy document."

Featuring information on doing business in 38 countries across the African continent, 50MAWS' unique proposition, as noted, is building a community of women entrepreneurs, who will act as peers, mentors, advisors and financiers to each other.

It will also facilitate access to training, business management tools and financing options specifically targeted to women.

The expected outcome is to directly impact 50 million African women and create fair waged jobs for young people from the increased business activities and capital flow.

A new report indicates that women make up more than 40 per cent of African business owners yet only 2 per cent are able to access finance.

Accordingly, when the first Global Gender Summit held in Africa kicks off in Kigali next week, the international the

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A digital platform specifically designed to address the information needs of women in business and connect them via a custom-built social networking tool was launched over the weekend in Kigali, Rwanda.

The platform, known as 50 Million African Women Speak, was unveiled during the Global Gender Summit in the Rwandan capital.

It primarily seeks to help economically empower women by providing a one-stop-shop for a wide range of financial and non-financial services that women need to start and grow successful businesses.

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The platform is touted as having the potential to unleash a dynamic online community of women entrepreneurs whose business activities



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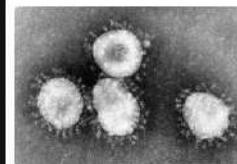
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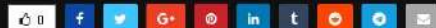
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She will help the African Development Bank next week launch AFAWA, or Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa. Already the G-7 group of the world's major democracies has committed \$250 million, and the bank is providing \$1 billion for the initiative.

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Mainstreaming gender in African policymaking: Ensuring no voice is unheard

REPORT from African Development Bank

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By Dr Hanan Marey

Despite remarkable progress made on women's participation in policymaking, Africa is still far from achieving the 50 percent gender parity target set by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Between 1995 and 2018, the proportion of women in African parliaments almost tripled from 8% to 23% but remains insufficient. Out of 11,037 African parliamentarians as of October 2018, only 2,591 were women and out of 1,348 ministers on the continent only 302, or 22%, were women¹.

The challenges in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, will be the focus of the Global Gender Summit to be held in Kigali, Rwanda from the 25-27 November. The Summit, hosted by the African Development Bank in partnership with the Government of Rwanda, will spotlight innovative financing, fostering an enabling environment and ensuring women's participation and voices.

Mainstreaming gender in policymaking in Africa is crucial for at least three main reasons. First, women are the main driving labor force in most African countries, making a vital contribution to the economy. Empirical studies, including the African Development Bank's own research², have found that if women had equal access to productive resources such as land, modern inputs, technology, or financial services, then the gender productivity gap in agriculture of 20%-35% would almost disappear.

This suggests that African countries could significantly increase their production by just closing the gender gap across economic sectors, particularly in agriculture. Second, increasing women's participation in policymaking has been found to lead to higher GDP growth through increases in higher-skilled women in the labor force and women's employment in high-productivity sectors³. Africa is therefore losing socio-economic opportunities by not doing enough to encourage the voices of women. The continent cannot afford to wait any longer to empower women.

Gender empowerment in policymaking can also boost women's role as business leaders. Although Africa boasts the world's highest rate of women entrepreneurs (at 27%) and is the only continent where more women than men choose to become entrepreneurs, most female-led enterprises are small businesses, in the informal sector with little growth prospects.

Access to finance is a key constraint and the Bank's research found that women entrepreneurs in Africa are more likely to self-select out of the credit market due to perceived low creditworthiness compared to men⁴.

By influencing policymaking in their countries, women can help lift barriers to their participation in labor markets which at 61% remains lower than men at 69%.

And to ensure that no voice remains unheard, much work needs to be done. Improving women's access to education is key. Better educated women are more likely to influence policy. Despite commendable efforts, the gender gap in educational attainment persists in most African countries, creating barriers to women's advancement.

For instance, the average number of schooling years between 2010-2017 was 4.33 for females but 5.6 for males in Africa. In many countries, the educational disadvantage of women starts at primary school and by the time girls become adolescents the educational gap has significantly widened.

One solution to explore is to ensure universal access to education to all girls and promote education parity at primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Several findings indicate that countries with greater education parity have realized higher economic growth⁵. In addition to bringing girls into school, having them complete their grades is also important, as the drop-out rate of girls in primary education is still very high in Africa, with a third of girls dropping out between 2010-2017.

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Delegates at the Global Gender Summit visit Isange One Stop Centre at Kacyiru District Hospital. Between 2009 and 2018, among the cases received by the centre, 58.17 per cent are for sexual violence, of which 91.7 per cent are female victims. / Emmanuel Kwizera



Delegates at the [Global Gender Summit](#) had two field visits on Sunday, November 24. One group went to Isange one Stop Centre (IOSC), one of the initiatives that were designed to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and child abuse.

Another group went to Gahaya Links, a Rwandan handicraft social enterprise and company dedicated to women's economic empowerment through enterprise design.

The group that visited IOSC went to Kacyiru Hospital, where the model was first implemented.

Established in 2009 with the support from the First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, through her Imbuto Foundation, the IOSC aims to ease access to services needed by GBV victims such as medico-legal examinations, psychotherapy and treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS, STI/D's, among others.

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Sixteen female Rwandan entrepreneurs are among the 100 East African women entrepreneurs who will be announced today as winners of the inaugural 2X Invest2Impact Awards at the Global Gender Summit in Kigali.

The Global Gender Summit scheduled to take 25 – 27 this month in Kigali is organised by the African Development Bank (AfDB) with other multilateral partners.

It takes place every after two years with an objective of sharing best practices and investment to accelerate progress for gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa and around the world.

This year's edition that will be graced by the First lady of Rwanda Mrs Jeannette Kagame will dig into issues of how gender equality and women's empowerment can be achieved; scaling up innovative financing, enabling legal, regulatory and institutional environments.

The event brings together leaders from government, development institutions, private sector, civil society and academia.

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The challenges in achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, will be the focus of the Global Gender Summit to be held in Kigali, Rwanda from the 25-27 November. The Summit, hosted by the African Development Bank in partnership with the Government of Rwanda, will spotlight innovative financing, fostering an enabling environment and ensuring women's participation and voices.

Mainstreaming gender in policymaking in Africa is crucial for at least three main reasons. First, women are the main driving labor force in most African countries, making a vital contribution to the economy. Empirical studies, including the African Development Bank's own research, have found that if women had equal access to productive resources such as land, modern inputs, technology, or financial services, then the gender productivity gap in agriculture of 20%-35% would almost disappear.



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The goal is to raise \$5 billion for efforts to guarantee loans, train women in finance and end some laws that can be barriers to getting credit.

African women face a \$42-billion financing imbalance with men. In some countries, women are barred from opening bank accounts without approval from their husbands or fathers. Countries like Nigeria have some of the world's few laws where men have to get their



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We speak to Bank Vice President, Jennifer Blanke, to find out more about this high-profile event.

1 - This year the African Development Bank is hosting the Global Gender Summit for the first time on the continent. What are your expectations?

It is the first time that the African Development Bank is hosting the Global Gender Summit and this year is we are hosting in partnership with the Rwandan government, which really demonstrates high-level buy-in about the importance of gender equality and empowering women to drive Africa's economic development. In general, there is a growing understanding that women are a critical force to be reckoned with in development and in Africa, and that is what we are going to be talking about during the summit.

2 - There are several events that seek to address gender equality and move from commitment to action. What is different about this summit?

A big difference is that the summit will bring together not just people committed to change from all the multilateral development but other critical voices including at least 200 women entrepreneurs who are doing exciting things in Africa. A key theme will be empowering women with business opportunities and finance, so that they can move faster in driving African economies forward. Another difference is that the event is going to be very interactive and focused on finding solutions to challenges. And we will be launching several exciting products, including a new platform called "60 million African women speak", which will be linking African women to each other and allowing them to share information, find mentors and customers and help them with their business efforts. We will also release new reports on gender equality and launch some new initiatives, in particular, the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) / African Guarantee Fund Risk Sharing Facility, which will de-risk lending to women through AGF's partial guarantees to financial institutions, and its capacity development to women entrepreneurs.

3 - What are some of the Bank's flagship projects that are helping shape the narrative and move the gender development agenda?

We are doing a lot both internally and externally. First of all, we want to do much more in terms of integrating a gender lens into everything that we do at the Bank. For example, we have put in place a gender marker system where we rate all projects based on the extent to which they are expected to have a positive impact on women and girls. This ensures that whether it is an energy, transport or health project, we are really thinking about women from conception and increasing the impact of our work.

In addition, the AFAWA programme is a significant initiative which is aimed to tilt financial markets in favour of lending to women, who are a great investment but are massively underserved by financial.

We are also focusing on creative industries, which are an untapped resource in Africa. For example African styles and designs are used around the world and yet Africans do not see much of the value coming out of that. At the Bank, we have an important initiative called Fashionomics which looks at the whole textile value chain, from the cotton field all the way to the catwalk. If you think about the cotton-textile-fashion value chain, the greatest value is derived at the top. We want many more African designers and producers to be high on that value chain value chain, which is where all the revenue is and the great jobs are, especially for women and young people. This is something that we will be talking about in Kigali.

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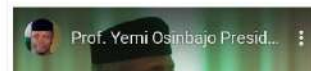
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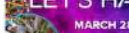
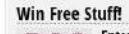
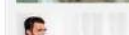
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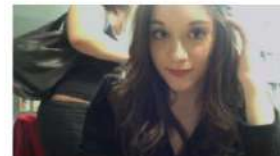
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True, Kidjo said. "I'm not a very patient person. Those women, they don't have time to waste. Their livelihood is in danger. I'm gonna be very strict."

Women across Africa have told her they don't want charity, the singer said. They know how to make money but aren't given the chance to try.

She recalled women in Ghana who resorted to digging a hole in the ground to stash their earnings because they didn't have bank accounts. And during a visit to Benin last month, one woman told her that to obtain a loan of 5,000 CFA (\$8) she had to show a property deed and hand over 100,000 CFA as collateral.

Such experiences have helped to inspire another new program, the \$100 million U.S.-run Women's Global Development and Prosperity initiative fund with projects in 22 countries in Africa and elsewhere. They include Morocco, where women are benefiting from [new laws](#) that allow them to own land.

The Africa-focused AFAWA, with vocal backing from French President Emmanuel Macron, will launch this month in Rwanda at the Global Gender Summit, which gathers multilateral development banks from around the world.

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In some African countries, women can't open a bank account without their husband or father, or inheritance laws leave them with little or nothing. That means no collateral.

But reforms are catching on. In the World Bank's latest Women, Business and Law report in 2018, 32% of reforms tracked in sub-Saharan African countries addressed equal treatment for women and men in accessing credit and financial services. Angola, Congo and Zambia joined others in prohibiting gender-based credit discrimination, it said.

With the new fund for financing African women "we will be able to go as low as a few hundred dollars' loan ... for people who need it the most," said Vanessa Mounger, the African Development Bank's Chadian-French director of gender, women and civil society.

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