



(DRAFT) PROGRAMME

“Towards a Parliamentary Strategy for African Women’s Rights and Gender Equality – Women & Violence”

EU PRESIDENCY SEMINAR  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM  
FRI, 22 OCTOBER 2010

08:30-09:00 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

09:00-10:30 OPENING SESSION

Chairs: Belgium AWEPA Section : Sabine de Bethune, president  
Alain Destexhe, vice-president  
Magda De Meyer, vice-president

- Hon. Pieters Danny, Speaker of the Belgian Senate
- Minister Steven Vanackere, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Hon. Idriss Moussa, President of the Pan-African Parliament.
- Minister of State Ms. Miet Smet, President of AWEPA

10:30-11:00 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

11:00-12:30 SESSION 1: VIOLENCE & WOMEN : ENDING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION/CUTTING

- Violence against women – Global Vision
- Prevalence and Policy on FGM in Africa
- Case story : Ethiopia
- Implimentig FGM legislation in Uganda, a case study
- Prevalence in Europe and repercussions
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+ DEBATES

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 SESSION 2: VIOLENCE & WOMEN : WOMEN IN CONFLICT

- Violence against women in Conflict areas – global vision
- Case stories Africa – central Africa women network
- Case stories Africa - Great Lakes Region Stability Pact Women Forum
- Case study : Sudan
- Europe position

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15:30-16:00 SESSION 3: PLENARY DEBATE ON RECOMENDATIONS

16:00-16:30 COFFEE/TEA BREAK

16:30-17:30 CLOSING SESSION

- Graça Machel, President of the Foundation for Community Development, Member of the AWEPA Eminent Advisory Board, Mozambique
- Delegate of Vice-President Viviane Reding, European Commissioner for Justice, fundamental Rights and Citizenship,
- Hon. Sabine de Bethune, MP Belgium, Head of the Belgian AWEPA Section

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