



## Femmes Africa Solidarité

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#### 3rd Conference of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), Dakar, Senegal

#### *"The Global Food, Fuel and Finance Crisis, "The 3 F" in Africa: Women at the Forefront*

On 13-14 December, Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) will convene its third FAS conference on the "3F" (Food, Fuel and Finance) Crisis in Africa, with a special focus on the difficulties that African women face as a result of the global crisis. The Conference's main objectives are to analyze how the 3F Crisis in Africa are impacting the advancement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with respect to women and youth, discuss opportunities yielded by the crisis for a transformation towards a green economy, as well as to explore strategic partnerships to further global action on sustainable development.

The Conference will be an opportunity to adopt suitable approaches for Africa in responding to the 3F Crisis and to address the issue of transforming towards a green economy, thus optimizing the human well-being and social equality while significantly reducing environmental risks.

The Conference will be held in the context of the 17th Conference of the Parties on Climate Change (COP 17) which took place 29 November-9 December in Durban, South Africa, and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), to be held on 4-6 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Conference will be followed by the FAS General Assembly, which is marking its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In acknowledging the progress made in developing and strengthening African women's capacity for effective leadership as strong decision-makers, the "*Femmes Africa Solidarité leadership in Peacebuilding*" recognition will be given at a cultural evening on 13 December, 2011.

The first FAS Conference was held on 2-7 April 2000 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the topic "HIV/AIDS and women's advocacy for peace" under auspices of the Organization of African Unity and his Secretary General, MR. Salim Ahmed Salim. The second conference took place on 12-16 June 2006, in Bamako, Mali, on the topic "*Gender, Peace and Security in Africa: Capitalizing on 10 Years of Women's Experience*", under the patronage of H.E. Mr Amadou Toumani Touré, President of the Republic of Mali.

A press conference will be given by Mrs. Awa Ndiaye, Minister of Culture and Gender as well as Mrs. Bineta Diop, Executive Director of FAS along with FAS Executive Board on 12 December 2011 at 4:30 pm at FAS Regional Office.

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