



**Femmes Africa Solidarité**



## **Workshop Training on Advocacy and Human Rights in Goma**

**8 November -13 November**

### **Information Note**

A 6-day training workshop on advocacy and human rights is being organized by Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) in DRC, along with the stakeholders of the project ‘Advocacy for Women’s Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)’. This workshop will cover aspects of advocacy and instruments of human rights, the use of the project website, the terms of the quarterly report as well as measures for the sustainability of the project.

The overall objective of the workshop is to conduct training in advocacy for women's rights groups so as to create a much broader advocacy for implementing the project in eastern DRC. The specific objectives of the workshop include the training in advocacy and human rights, guidance on the use of project website, acquisition of how to prepare a quarterly report as well as the acquisition of measures for the project’s sustainability.

The 65-member primary target group will be distributed thusly: 15 members of the National Coordination Office FSPD in Kinshasa, 10 women in the North Kivu province, 10 women in the South Kivu province, 10 Women of the Ituri district and 10 focal points in the FSPD provinces.

Training will also be given to 10 female journalists to enable them to conduct advocacy activities at local, national, sub-regional, regional and international levels. These activities will enable the creation of secondary target groups so as to organize advocacy groups at the grassroots level.

The training will be conducted by Mr. Floribert Wakuteka Bombesyahi, a university lecturer who has held several workshops and seminars on advocacy, human rights and good governance, among other topics. He was also the prosecutor of Mbuyi Mayi in Kasai Oriental and Kamana in Katanga in the DRC.

This “Advocacy for Women’s Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Eastern DRC” project will build on what FAS has already done in the DRC, such as the creation of the national women’s platform (CAFCO) and the Gender & Parity Network of Parliamentarians. Considering the precarious human security situation in DRC, this EU- funded venture aims to further enable females to advocate effectively to their peers, and assist key local, national, and regional stakeholders as to empower women and bring about real positive changes in their lives and communities. The project is funded by the EU and UNIFEM, and is carried out by FAS and its local partners for a 3-year period (starting from 2009 -2012).

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