



**FAS TEN-YEAR STUDY: THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR PEACE
AND SECURITY IN AFRICA,
PRESENTATION AND ROUNDTABLE**

and

**Press briefing on the situation in Darfur and United Nations Security
Council Resolution 1325**

Date: Tuesday 4 – Wednesday 5 October, 2007

Time: 9.30 am

Location: Hotel Al Afifa, 46 rue Jules Ferry, Dakar

Organisers: Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), UNDP Regional Office, UNFPA

Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) presents the initial results of its study 'The Women's Movement for Peace and Security in Africa: Ten years of practice', with the support of the Regional Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

This study, undertaken by four consultants from different African countries, examines the implementation of monitoring and evaluation instruments, a Leadership Bank of women leaders in Africa, the definition of a 'conceptual approach' and case studies.

Field visits were made to Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea-Conakry, DR Congo, Burundi, Rwanda and Kenya, where refugee women from Somalia were also able to contribute to the study. In finalising the study, FAS is organising roundtable discussions with experts, practitioners and consultants on 4 and 5 October.

Journalists and international press are invited to attend a press briefing on the situation in Darfur and eastern Chad. Bineta Diop, Executive Director of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) will speak at the briefing on her experience as part of the mission of eight prominent women led by Mary Robinson who recently visited the refugee camps of eastern Chad. After several high-level meetings in Paris, London, and other capitals, they continue their advocacy campaign on behalf of the women of the region.

Mesdames Fatou Sow Sarr, Amsatou Sow Sidibé, Aminata Mbengue Ndiaye and others will also speak at the briefing. They will address the human rights situation in Darfur and Chad the relevance of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) to the peace process in the region.

UNSCR 1325, which celebrates its seventh anniversary on 5 October, calls for the participation of women in peace processes, as well as in the prevention, management and resolution of conflict.

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