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Information note

FAS SIGNED MOMERANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE

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On October 2nd, FAS Executive Director Bineta Diop signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the University for Peace (UPEACE) Rector Julia Marton-Lefèvre. The partnership between both organizations has been established in the view of cooperation in the framework of the Pan-African Centre for Gender, Peace and Development in Dakar, Senegal.

FAS and UPEACE will work together to encourage education and training, including the curriculum development of programmes in Peace and Conflict studies, specialized courses and joint programmes in peace-related issues;

Besides, the partnership has been established to encourage the process of peace education and in facilitating the establishment of a knowledge network on peace education in the African region, by means of the Pan-African Centre for Gender .The Centre's programmes will use FAS's existing partnerships with other institutions, mainly UNDP, to build on established programmes with an added value of Gender issues.

The first courses that are to be held in the Pan-Africa Centre are scheduled to start in April 2006. The duration of the workshops that UPEACE will provide in the Pan-African Centre will be 5 days. The target groups of the workshops are people selected people form different sectors: grassroots NGO's, policy makers and university scholars.

Eventually the Centre will provide complete UPEACE Master's Programmes in Gender and Peace Studies. The Master's programmes are to be launched before the end of 2007.

FAS is very glad to have UPEACE as partner. The University for Peace will assist FAS in enhancing the objectives of the Centre in Dakar because of the leading expertise of the University for Peace in education and training in peace building and conflict resolution.

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