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INFORMATION NOTE

FAS Marks 45th Pan-African Women's Day with Presentation to Government Ministers in Dakar

Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) is commemorating the 45th Pan-African Women's Day by participating in a panel discussion with ministers of the Senegalese government on 31 July 2007 in Dakar, Senegal. Mme Bineta Diop, Executive Director of FAS, will be making a presentation on FAS's advocacy activities – particularly the Gender is My Agenda campaign. Other panellists include Mme Awa Ndiaye, Minister of Families and Women's Entrepreneurship, and M Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Gender is My Agenda campaign was launched following the adoption of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) by the member states of the African Union in 2004. The campaign focuses on the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the SDGEA in African Union member states.

The African Union designated July 31 as Pan-African Women's Day in 1962 in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, at the first-ever Pan-African Women's Conference. While the African Union has since moved the official celebration date to 25 September, events worldwide are nonetheless planned around its original date of July 31.

Pan-African Women's Day is of particular importance to FAS and its networks. It is a celebration of African women's accomplishments vis-à-vis gender equality at all levels of African politics. At the same time, Pan-African Women's Day is a reminder of the structures of inequality that African women continue to face in their daily lives. For FAS and its networks, the day serves to renew their commitment to the advancement of women in peace processes across the continent.

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