







2025 **United Nations** Day of Peace

First Ladies Becoming Actions for Peace: Ambition for Women as Key Players in Promoting Sustainable Development at UNGA80 Session

First Ladies' Presentations on Peace Post 30+ Beijing Women's Conference on Women and Peace Gender Priority Strategy, GEPs on Women and Peace Ring the Peace Bell Awards and Recognitions Fellow Gender Priority Strategy





















Date: Monday, September 22, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: The United Nations Salvation Army International

Social Justice Commission Auditorium

221 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10022, USA

In 1981, the United Nations General Assembly declared the third Tuesday of September as the International Day of Peace. This day coincided with the opening day of the annual sessions of the General Assembly. The purpose of the day is to strengthen the ideals of peace and harmony around the world.

Since 2010, our organization, with UN ECOSOC NGOs on Gender Equality, the Africana Women Working Group at the UN, has continued to advance the cause of women in leadership positions through our program, First Ladies Becoming High-Level Forum on SDG-16 and Targets, to bring global awareness to the most needed roles of Fist ladies of Nations in women and peace.

In the words of United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, "Peace is needed today more than ever. War and conflict are unleashing devastation, poverty, and hunger, and driving tens of millions of people from their homes. Climate chaos is all around. And even peaceful countries are gripped by gaping inequalities and political polarization." Women, especially First Ladies of Nations, have a significant role to play, and we are committed to this cause towards our passionate commitment to achieving a peaceful society.

This year's theme for Peace Day is "Act Now for a Peaceful World." As a call to action in times of turbulence, tumult, and uncertainty, it urges everyone to take concrete action to mobilize for peace. It also recognizes our individual and collective responsibility to foster peace and contribute to the realization and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This will help create a culture of peace for all women and girls.

The Africana Women Working Group at the UN, the Permanent Observer Mission of the Pan African Intergovernmental Agency for Water and Sanitation to the United Nations, Federation of World Peace Love FOWPAL and the PVBLIC Foundation will explore strategies on how to advance the theme through discussion and conversation by "First Ladies Becoming Actions for Peace: Ambition for Women as Key Players in Promoting Sustainable Development."

The purpose is to discuss women's role as key players in GEPS (Gender Priority Strategy)

This entails:

- Review of Gender Actions on SDG 16 and Targets
- Women work to address the challenges and gaps in advancing gender equality.
- Generation Equality and Ambition for First Ladies linked to promoting sustainable development.
- Conversations with First Ladies and their key role as key players in the Gender Priority Strategy, in promoting global peace.
- Gender Priority Strategy GEPS Action Model on gender actions for peace.
- 2025 Culture of Peace for Peace Advocates, Women, and Girls: Ring the Peace Bell

The outcome of the event will ignite action to further the GEPS on Gender Actions for Peace by partnering with First Ladies to become pillars for a sustainable world.

Peace is possible in our lifetime through global citizens working in unity and harmony. Since the establishment of the United Nations and the creation of the Charter of the United Nations, member states have a responsibility to work towards achieving the agenda for 2020 of Leaving No One Behind.

Life is better in a world where peace exists, and today, we look to those who have been peacemakers and peacekeepers to learn what we can each do individually to make the world a more peaceful place, as well as advance the Gender Priority Strategy as women.

From the UN on 2025 Theme: Act Now for a Peaceful World.

In a time of turbulence, tumult, and uncertainty, it is critical for everyone to take concrete action to mobilize for peace.

From peacekeepers on the front lines of conflict to community members to students in classrooms around the world, everyone has a role to play. We must speak up against violence, hate, discrimination, and inequality; practice respect; and embrace the diversity of our world.

There are many ways to act right now. Spark conversations about the urgent need for understanding, non-violence, and disarmament. Volunteer in your community, listen to voices different from your own, challenge discriminatory language in your workplace, report bullying both online and offline, and take the time to verify facts before you post on social media.

You can also speak up with your choices, opting to purchase items from socially conscious brands or donating to organizations that promote sustainability and human rights.

The United Nations also works in each of these areas, leading global efforts to advance human rights, fight climate change, and prevent and respond to conflict.

Through its Peacebuilding Commission, which is marking its twentieth anniversary in 2025, the United Nations works to address poverty, inequality, discrimination, and injustice – all potential drivers of violence. Through its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations supports countries' efforts to increase prosperity, raise health and living standards, and end all forms of discrimination and injustice. UN peacekeepers work in difficult and dangerous conditions around the world, inspiring us all to take action.

And in its recently adopted Pact for the Future, the United Nations promised to address emerging challenges and opportunities – such as in science, technology and innovation – and support the active engagement of future generations.

The United Nations' ActNow Campaign has helped millions of people around the globe choose issues they care about, commit to action, and track their impact.

All of our efforts are connected. From UN-supported health clinics to youth-led advocacy for the rights of the world's most vulnerable, and from debates in

parliaments to debates in history class, we can all do our part to build a more peaceful world. Let our actions for peace resonate louder than words.

Program Format:

10:05am Opening Remarks: Ambassador Dr Devon Bannister, Main Representative to the UN

10:07am Review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action ,SDG 16 and Targets, UNSCR 1325 on Gender Actions:

Keynote Speaker: Princess Jahnavi Kumari Mewar, Founder & Chairperson, Power of Policy

10:20 am The Call to First Ladies: Becoming a High level Forum and 2025 UN Day of Peace. Prof. Ada Okika, Visionary/ UN Coordinator, the Africana Women Working Group at the UN

10: 30am Welcome song by FOWPAL volunteers

Welcome Statements

10:40am Session 11:Special Guests Presentations: "Act Now for a Peaceful World" – A Call for Individuals, Communities, and Governments to take concrete action to promote peace amid global turbulence and Uncertainty.

10:50am Embrace diversity and practice respect: H.E. Sergio Fernandez de Cordova, President, PVBLIC Foundation

10:55am Support sustainability and human rights: Dr. Hong, Tao-Tze Zhang-men-ren (Grandmaster), Tai Ji Men President, Federation of World Peace and Love (FOWPAL) Vice President of the Association of World Citizens

11:05am Engage in community service and peaceful dialogue: H.E. Dr. Nabhit Kapur, Permanent Observer, Permanent Observer Mission of the Pan-African Intergovernmental Agency for Water and Sanitation in Africa to the UN

11:15am Less We Forget - The Journey of Thirty Years of Beijing:

Review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, SDG 16 and Targets, UNSCR 1325 on Gender Actions:

Nancy Taiye Aragbaye, Founder of Strategic Solutions Global, a Global Leadership Institute for LeadHERs across Africa & the Diaspora.

11:25am Every Woman, Every Child by 10-year-old Mariah Taylor

First Ladies Session

11:35am Special Guest Speech to Declare 2025 First Ladies Becoming High Level -UN Day of Peace Open: First Ladies Becoming Actions for Peace: Ambition for Women as Key Players in Perilous Time- H.E. Mrs. Ann Marie Davis, Spouse of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, First Lady of the Bahamas/Chair, Gender Priority Strategy

11:50am Session 111: First Ladies Becoming Actions for Peace: Ambition for Women as Key Players in Promoting Sustainable Development.

11:50am Challenges and Gaps in Advancing Gender Equality for Women and Peace: Dr. Chanita Foster, Founder, Beyond the Game/ RockStar Global Investments, USA

12:05am Gender and Peace Advocates: Prof. Arlene Bowen Greenfield, Pro Chancellor, CICA International University7 and Seminary

12:15am Generation Equality and Ambition for First Ladies Linked to promoting sustainable development: H. E. Ambassador Professor Olufolake Abdulrazaq, First Lady Kwara State, Nigeria

12:20pm Celebrating Beijing @ 30 for First Ladies and Women in Leadership "Stand Up for Peace" Song by Russell Daisey

12:25pm Session 4: First Ladies' Session: First Ladies and their key role as Key Players in the Gender Priority Strategy for promoting global peace.

Women in Leadership and Their Role as Key Players in Promoting Peace:

Hon. Sarah Wescoat Williams, President of Parliament, Sint Maarten Hon. Dr. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, Chairman/CEO of NiDCOM

12:55pm Rights of Women in Leadership and Their Role as Key Players in Promoting Peace: Hon. Mankeur Ndiaye, Fmr Minister Foreign Affairs, Senegal Hon. Edwina Frances Martin Esq, Commissioner, Public Administrator of Richmond County

Her Majesty Queen Mother Makhadzi Makhadzi, Queen Mother of South African

Prof. Cyprian F. Edward-Ekpo, Registrar, International Institute for Humanitarian & Environmental Law (ISHERL)

1:20pm Gender Priority Strategy GEPS Action Model on Gender Actions for Peace: Dr. Obii Pax-Harry FGEPS

1:30pm Solutions to Issues in Promoting Peace Among Gender and Equality: Dr. Hyginus Gene Leon, Executive Director, Development Bank for Resilient Prosperity/ Ambassador at Large for the Government of Saint Lucia Her Royal Highness Senator Princess Ncengencenge, Eswatini Royal Family, Swaziland

1:40pm Panel Conversation: Women Leaders as Key Players to promoting peace and Sustainability. Moderator: Dr. Prince Ero Ibhafidon, Founder/President Waterlight Save Initiative.

Panelists:

Alysia Rivers, Founder & Director, BizFed Advocacy Academy Blessing Douglas, Founder of Boma Group of Companies/ Boma Prize for Africa Ambassador Professor Dr. Onika Campbell-Rowe, Director General, Communication and Information, WOLMI International Consulting Cabinet/ Main Representative to the United Nations, Vienna

Mme Amina Suzuki, Pan afrique investissement consultants France Sonia Tucke. Celebrated Model and Influencer

Dr. Fatima Shehu LibertyFaculty of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science, University of Maiduguri

2:20pm SDG 16 Nigeria Shadow Report 2025: Progress, Challenges, and the Road Ahead. Holding Power to Account/ Nigeria's Journey on SDG 16 Implementation: Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) and Transparency International, Nigerian Chapter.

2:30pm: Poetic Anthology of the Legacy of Beijing @30- African Woma's Voice and Tears -30 Years of the Beijing Women Conference

Honoring Women Leaders and ODE to H.E. Professor U. Joy Ogwu: Prof. Fr. Vincent Bulus, Gender/Peace Advocate, Professor of Global Health, International Security & Relations

Presentation of African Woman's Voice and Tears: Mr. Edgar J. Ridley, Chairman of Edgar J. Ridley and Associates

2:40pm FOWPAL Dancers and Bell Ceremony: 2025 Culture of Peace for Peace Advocates, Women, and Girls: Ring the Peace Bell

First Ladies and Esteemed Persons to Make Peace Wish, Ring the Peace Bell, and Presentation of Peace Awards by the Federation of World Peace and Love FOWPAL

Presentation and Decoration of Fellow Gender Priority Strategy FGEPS: Prof. Ada Okika and Dr. Obii Pax-Harry.

3:15pm CICA International University Graduation

3:30pm Better Together UNGA80: UN Day of Peace Clarion Call to Action

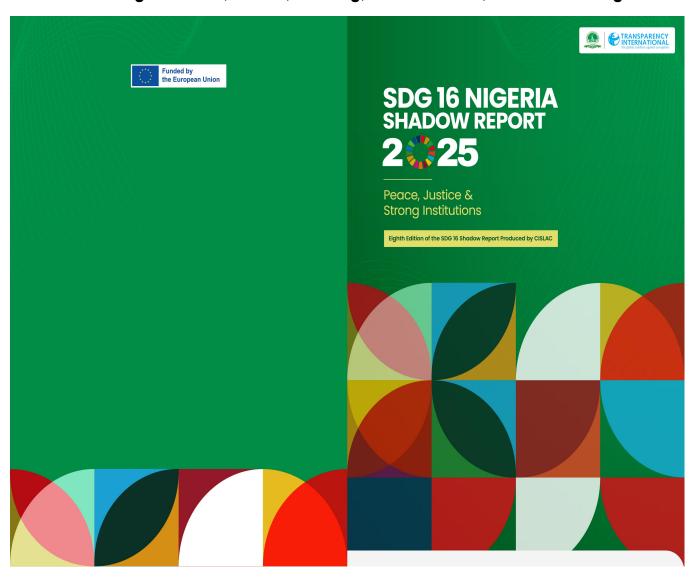
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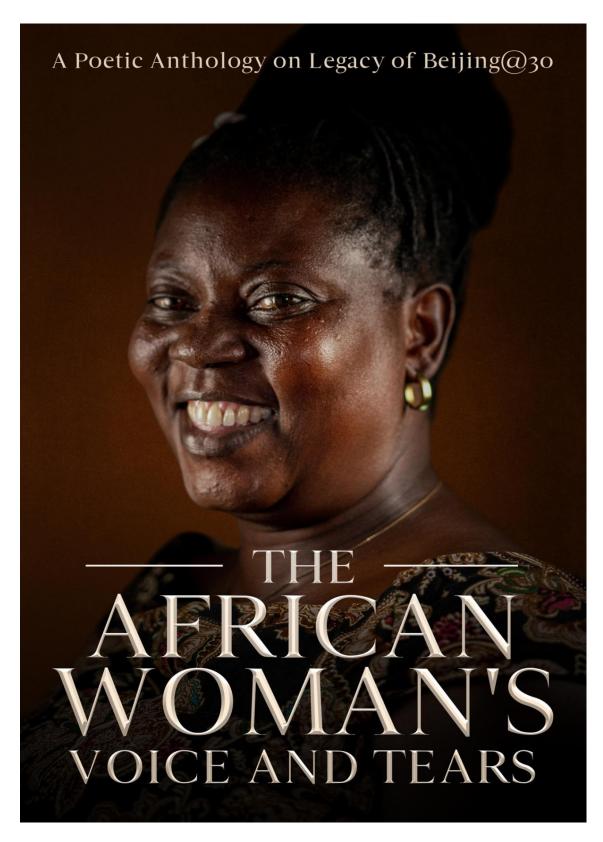
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3:45 PM Closing Remarks, Lunch, Sharing, Conversation, and Networking.





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