

Femmes Africa Solidarité awarded the Chirac Foundation Special Prize of the Jury for Conflict Prevention

Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) was awarded the Special Prize of the Jury for Conflict Prevention by the Chirac Foundation, to recognize the organization's remarkable contributions to the promotion of the role of women in conflict prevention and resolution in Africa.

This year's ceremony for the Chirac Foundation Conflict Prevention Prize, which was created by former French President Jacques Chirac took place at the Quai Branly Museum in Paris, on Thursday, 21 November. The event was attended by Mr. Chirac, President François Hollande and first lady, Valérie Trierweiler, as well as numerous French political figures, diplomats, representatives of international organizations and civil society.

Along with FAS, the Jury composed of personalities with a history of working for peace, awarded Dr. Denis Mukwege, a Congolese gynecologist and founder of Panzi Hospital in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with the Prize for Conflict Prevention for his outstanding actions in support of women victims of rape during armed conflict. During protracted conflicts in Africa, as in the case of Burundi, Liberia and Sierra Leone, as well as in ongoing conflicts in the DRC and the Central African Republic, FAS has witnessed firsthand the enormous impact of conflict on women and has mobilized women for action to advocate for their protection and their participation in peace processes.

Madame Bineta Diop, Founder and President of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), together with members of the FAS Executive Board, Miss Soyata Maiga, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa, and Miss Brigitte Balipou, Magistrate and former member of the Constitutional Court of the Central African Republic, accepted the award with humbleness and pride, dedicating it to all women who are subjected to violence and suffering caused by conflict, on a daily basis.