



Press Release

Graduation Ceremony – Masters in Gender and Peacebuilding

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Venue: Grand Amphithéâtre, UCAD 2

Femmes Africa Solidarite and its Pan African Centre for Gender, Peace and Development (FAS/PAC), originator of the bilingual Masters Program in Gender and Peacebuilding, will be organizing a graduation ceremony for the first graduating class of 2012-2013. This will be done in collaboration with its partners: the Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (UCAD), the United Nations Peace University of Costa Rica (UPEACE), the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and the World Bank (WB).

The bilingual Masters in Gender and Peacebuilding is a specialized program which attracts both students and professionals. It was developed in response to an existing vacuum in building capacity and adequately responding to the protection and human rights needs of women in armed conflict. Through this program, African experts will develop the relevant skills in Gender Mainstreaming in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, with a targeted focus on building gender consciousness and awareness within peacebuilding and conflict prevention processes.

The Masters program currently has a highly pan-African student base with students from Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan and Togo. This multi-disciplinary program is coordinated by the Legal and Political Sciences Faculty of UCAD whose lecturing-corps is composed of professors from the UCAD and UPEACE, as well as experienced and renowned practitioners in Gender, Peace and Security, and Development Studies from across the continent.

The graduation ceremony will be chaired by Dr. Anta Sarr, Senegalese Minister for Gender, Women and Children; and Pr. Saliou Ndiaye, UCAD Chancellor and Board Director for the Masters program. The event will equally be spearheaded by renowned personalities including: Mrs. Bineta Diop, President of FAS and Board member for the Masters Program; Mr. Jean Bosco Butera, Director of the Africa Programme of the University for Peace (UPEACE) and representative of UPEACE Chancellor; and Mrs. Vera Songwe, the World Bank's Country Director for Senegal, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau, and Mauritania. Eminent persons representing the diplomatic community in Senegal, the various United Nations Agencies, UCAD faculty heads involved in the Masters program, civil society members, and women's organizations involved in gender, peace and security, and development initiatives will equally be in attendance.

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