

Dialogue for Action Africa to Convene
Women's Issues Forum June 11, 2012

Experts and speakers dedicated to the empowerment of African women to gather in Libreville, Gabon

The Cécilia Attias Foundation for Women, in association with Mrs. Sylvia Bongo Ondimba, the first lady of Gabon, will be hosting the 2012 installment of Dialogue for Action Africa (DFAA) in Libreville, Gabon. Dedicated to helping women in Africa lead safe, productive, and healthy lives, the forum seeks to creatively address the salient issues faced by African women.

In addition to special remarks by Cécilia Attias and Sylvia Bongo Ondimba, DFAA will feature a unique collection of inspiring experts and speakers from academia, government, NGOs, the private sector, and the medical community. Cécilia Attias comments: "The diversity and expertise of Dialogue for Action Africa's speakers is astounding. Their dedication to women's issues is truly inspiring and their insights will be enable us to promote African women's issues through actionable initiatives."

These initiatives will culminate in a Plan of Action for Africa, which will be presented at the G20 Summit in Los Cabos, Mexico in June. At the G20, DFAA's conclusions will become part of the global agenda and will be discussed by the world's most influential leaders and policy makers. Creating this bridge between DFAA and government leaders is key to producing change at an institutional level and is an innovative example of public-private partnerships.

Confirmed DFAA speakers and participants include: **Cécilia Attias**, Founder and President, The Cécilia Attias Foundation for Women; **Sylvia Bongo Ondimba**, First Lady, Gabon; **Irina Bukova**, Director General of UNESCO, **Hon. Aicha Bah Diallo**, FAWE Chairperson and Network for Education for All in Africa (REPTA); **Pascal Chaigneau**, Affiliate Professor of Education, Sorbonne Paris Descartes University; **Holly Gordon**, Executive Director, 10x10; **Sade Baderinwa**, Emmy Award-winning news Anchor/Reporter WABC-TV; **Dr. Amy Lehman**, Founder Lake Tanganyika Floating Health Clinic; **Magatte Wade**, Founder and CEO Tiossano; **Vickie Remoe**, Founder and Creative Director How4Do productions; **Casey Cobell**, EVP & Country Director Indego Africa Rwanda; **Philisiwe Buthezi**, CEO National Empowerment Fund; **Fatime Christiane Ndiaye**, Sr. Gender Specialist International Labour Organization; **Denise Epote**, TV5 Monde; **Elizabeth Dearborn Davis**, Co-Founder of the Akilah Institute for Women; **Edna Adan Ismail**, Founder Edna Adan Hospital; **Nahid Toubia**, Chair, White Ribbon Alliance Sudan; **Coumba Toure**, Founder and President of ADA foundation; **Yomi Abiola**, Model, Activist and journalist; and Zainab Salbi, Founder Women for Women International.

Dialogue for Action Africa will be held in conjunction with the New York Forum Africa, an annual action-oriented assembly of the world's leading business, economic, and regulatory officials. By collaborating with New York Forum Africa, DFAA is seeking to build crosscutting partnerships between the worlds of business and NGOs. New York Forum Africa founder Richard Attias comments: "Non-profits and private enterprises have much to share with one another. They can collaborate on a host of topics, from tackling issues related to efficiency and financing to engaging in discussions of mission and ethics. Collaboration between Dialogue for Action Africa and the New York Forum Africa is a step in this direction."

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