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### Imbokodo Forum

Theme; "Celebrating Women's Role In Justice, Peace and Reconciliation"



## Van afgican WOMENS FORUM



CWA hosts the 3rd Pan African Women's;

"Imbokodo Forum"

#### **Country; Gaborone Botswana**

Celebrating Pan African Women's Month as designated by the African Union.

#### # IMBOKODO



08:30 - 1700HRS

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## Imbokodo Forum Women Leading Africa's Progress

The Pan African Women's Forum – "Imbokodo Forum" is a strategic initiative designed to amplify the voices of African women in leadership, advocacy, and socio-economic development. The forum aligns with the African Union's designation of Pan African Women's Month, making it a critical platform for dialogue, empowerment, and actionable solutions.

The forum's title, "Imbokodo", meaning "rock" in Zulu, symbolizes strength, resilience, and the unshakable role of African women in shaping societies. It reflects the famous South African anti-apartheid chant: "Wathint' Abafazi, Wathint' Imbokodo" (You strike a woman, you strike a rock), emphasizing the indomitable spirit of African women.



- Impact and Networks: Provide African women with the tools, networks, and knowledge to thrive in leadership, entrepreneurship, and governance.
- Foster Unity and Collaboration: Connect women from diverse backgrounds, sectors, and regions to exchange ideas and form alliances.
- Advocate for Policy Change: Engage policymakers and change agents to influence gender-inclusive policies that promote equality.
- Celebrate Achievements: Highlight the successes of African women across different industries and spheres, to recognize their contributions to the continent's progressand inspire continued cause for action
- Advancing Intra Africa Trade -The platform affords organsiations and entreprenuers to show case their product and service offering, as a consequence sales platform and partnerships sealed.

#### Speakers & Target Audience

- Legislators
- Experts & Technocrats
- Policy makers
- Leaders
- Academics
- Scholars

- Corporate
- Captains of Industry
- Entrepreneurs of All Levels
- Civil Society
- Diaspora
- Heads of Diplomatic Missions





#### **Opening Ceremony**

- Welcoming Remarks
- Opening Remarks
- Special Remarks

This session sets the tone for the entire forum and outlines the forum's objectives. It also provides an opportunity for dignitaries and organizers to share their vision, inspiring commitment and setting a collaborative atmosphere for the discussions ahead.

#### **Diplomatic Session**

- Panel Discussion: Economic Diplomacy for Africa's Prosperity Leveraging African Union Economic Integration Agenda for Sustainable Growth
- Panel Discussion: Building Bridges: How International Diplomacy Can Strengthen Africa's Path to Sustainable Development

This session emphasizes the critical role of diplomacy in driving economic growth and sustainable development. It explores how African nations can harness economic integration and strategic international partnerships to enhance prosperity.

#### Program Day 1

#### **Debate Session**

• **Topic**: Should African Women Focus More on Individual Empowerment or Collective Action to Achieve Social Justice?

Designed to stimulate critical thinking, this debate challenges participants to consider the merits of individual versus collective strategies in achieving social justice. It creates a platform for diverse opinions, encourages robust dialogue, and ultimately helps identify pathways that best empower African women in their pursuit of justice and community healing.

#### **Rush Hour Product Presentation**

An organisation leverages in 20 minutes to make a targeted presentation on their product/services. Exclusive section just for marketing.

#### **Industry Session**

- Panel Discussion: Building Resilient Industries and Empowering Communities
- Panel Discussion: Women as Key Drivers of Innovation and Sustainability
- Presentation: Pioneering Financial Inclusion and Economic Empowerment in Africa

This session examines the transformative role of women in driving industrial resilience and innovation. By discussing strategies for financial inclusion and community empowerment, it highlights how women can be catalysts for economic change. The focus is on creating industries that are not only economically robust but also socially just and sustainable.

#### Ice Breaker - IMBOKODO Head Wrap Session

Serving as both a fun and culturally resonant activity, this session uses the symbolism of the head wrap to energize participants and foster a sense of unity. It provides a creative, informal space for networking and reinforces cultural pride while setting a positive, inclusive tone for the forum.

#### **IMBOKODO Leadership Session**

- Panel Discussion: Inclusive Leadership Ensuring Equitable Decision Making
- Panel Discussion: Education as a Catalyst for Leadership For African Women to Lead in Justice and Development

Focused on empowering future leaders, this session highlights the importance of inclusive and educated leadership in achieving social justice. By discussing best practices and the role of education in leadership, it aims to inspire African women to assume roles that drive equitable decision making and transformative change.

#### **IMBOKODO Pan African Session**

- Presentation: Cultural Unity and Preservation The Role of African Women in Pan-African Cultural Diplomacy
- Panel Discussion: Pan-African Social Entrepreneurship Women Leading Sustainable Development Initiatives

#### **IMBOKODO Dance Carpet**

A lively and engaging segment, the Dance Carpet session provides a creative outlet for expression and celebration. It encourages participants to relax and connect through movement and music, reinforcing community bonds and the cultural vibrancy that is central to the forum's theme of healing.

# HAPPINATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

#### **Opening Session**

- Welcoming Remarks
- Special Remarks
- Refresher highlights of Day 1

The second-day opening re-engages participants by summarizing key insights from Day 1 and setting fresh priorities for the discussions ahead. It reaffirms the forum's themes and re-energizes the audience for another day of impactful sessions.

#### **IMBOKODO IMPACT Roundtable**

- o Panel Discussion: Women in Transitional Justice & Legal Reforms
- Panel Discussion: Rising Against Violence A Collective Movement for Women's Safety Across Africa (Addressing GBV)
- Roundtable: Sisterhood in Solidarity Building African Women's Networks
- Roundtable; Women leadership in peace talks and peacebuilding processes

This roundtable session creates a space for candid discussions on strengthening networks of support. It underscores the power of collective action and solidarity in ensuring safety and fostering an environment where women can thrive and lead transformative change. The involvement of women in reconciliation and other transitional justice mechanisms. The Unique perspective women bring to justice, and their role in pushing for legal reforms in Trade, for Gender equality and other spheres.

#### **IMBOKODO Wellness Session**

- Topic: The Art of Self-Care Prioritizing Your Well-Being
- Topic: Psychosocial Support for Women Survivors of Gender-Based Violence and Conflict in Africa
- o Topic: Finding Balance

Focusing on holistic well-being, this session addresses the mental, emotional, and physical health of participants. It offers practical strategies for self-care, recovery, and balance, particularly for survivors of conflict and gender-based violence, reinforcing that healing is an essential component of justice.

#### **IMBOKODO Awards**

#### Categories:

- Best Head Wrap
- Best Exhibitor
- Best Debate Group
- Best Dancer
- CWA Founders Award

Celebrating excellence across cultural, entrepreneurial, and intellectual contributions, the awards session honors achievements that embody the forum's values. By recognizing outstanding participants and initiatives, it fosters continued innovation and commitment to justice, empowerment, and community healing.

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