



CSW60 Summit participants with 1000 African Women Network members from around the world

This session accounts for the second year that AHC participated at the CSW as an ECOSOC accredited organization, a branch of the UN. The event hosted members of 1000 African Women Network coming from Cameroon, Niger, Congo, Ghana, Senegal and Mali. Anatole Toukam, the Global Project Director as well as Honorable Pierre Wafo and Malick Mamadou and Terrylynn Smith continue to be the major supporters of AHC Global Project. "The 60th session of the commission of the status of women" showcased this year roundtables of leaders around the world. AHC hosted a network reception on the 19th of March where awards reception were given to member network to commended them for their efforts in reducing poverty and improving the health of women, girls and youth around the world especially in Africa.

AHC in its efforts to reduce poverty partnered and continued to work with

major organisations and government officials. Some partners that have supported in the past and now include The New York Women foundation, The New York Immigration Coalition, The New York Foundations, community leaders this to name but a few. For the Last 2 years African Hope Committee have been commended by The First Lady, Michelle Obama for our efforts in hosting the CSW59 and CSW60.

AHC HOSTED CSW60 AND BRING OVER 30 PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND THE NATION TO ATTEND THE EVENT. OVER 80 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE EVENING GALA NETWORK RECEPTION WITH AWARDS CEREMONIES FOR 6 MEMBERS WHOSE WORK HAVE EXCEED GREATNESS!!!!

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network from around the world to attend the forum. AHC was able to mobilize and bring in over 30 people at the forum and over 75 people at the dinner reception.

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Terrylynn Smith, AHC Vice Chair of AHC had just fundraised to support the water project in Cameroon.

Guests were invited as to participate at the CSW60 that took place in New York from March 14-24 2016 and also to attend our 1st Annual 1000 African Women Network Gala/ Network / Reception on March 19, 2016. It was a great success.

The CSW60 which was The 60th Session of the Commission on the status of the woman was held at the United Nations in New York from 14 to 24 March 2016. Representatives, member states, ECOSOC members coming from accredited non-governmental organizations and all regions of the world all joined in to participate at these high level social and economic forums at the United Nations. This was the opportunity for the second time to invite our member



Clarisse Mefotso Fall, MPH- The mind behind The Global Project and 1000 African Women Network.

Yes women count too!! The creation of 1000 African women network was built with the ideas that women and girls count in our society, have equal right and should not be left behind!! We are today, bc of some of our women activists and leaders!! We must carry their legacies and join arms to become who we want to be as women!!! Taking True Leadership.



1000 African Women Network members coming from Cameroon, Congo, Senegal, France, Swiszerland and Niger attending the CSW60, picture above including Miss Cameroon 2013, Valerie Ayena, Haoua Abdul, President of 1000 African Women in Niger and Honorable Fon, Vice president of Enfance Joyeuse du Cameroon and her Regional Secretary . On the left are delegates patiently waiting on line to receive their UN Passes.

This on a raining and cold day. Each and everyone was able to receive their UN passes.



This year, the priority theme was "Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development" and the review theme was "The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls".



The 60th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) kicked off on Monday 14th 2016 in New York and will go on until March 24th, with two weeks of meetings and interesting side events dedicated to advancing gender equality, #GlobalGoals and the #Planet5050 agenda. It brings together governments and civil society from around the world to discuss how to make #Planet5050 a reality.

The Commission on the Status of Women is the single-largest intergovernmental gathering on women and girls. The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), it was established by Council resolution 11(II) of 21 June 1946.



The Executive Director welcomed distinguished and Honored Guests on the evening of March 19th during the evening Gala/ Network /Award Reception. We are thankful for the support of many other organizations, institutions and corporatio



AWARD WINING RECIPIENTS AT THE GALA RECEPTION- NIGER, US,, CAMEROON, CAMEROON AND CONGO



AHC acknowledges that there are many people around the world who were unable to attend the event. We have compiled this report to share the experience of 1000 African Women Network members at the 2016 CSW60 and with our partners. Through links to materials such as outcome documents, speeches and videos, we hope to bring the CSW to life reaching more government officials and NGO's in Africa and around the globe this to enhance the access of everyone around the world to what happened at this year event. HE Ambassador of Niger was a GUEST of Honor of the Gala/Network Award Reception and gave a remarkable speech on women and empowerment.



A Picture with Honorable Pierre Wafo and Clarisse Mefotso Fall after one of the session at The CSW60.

It was a vital opportunity for those working toward the SDG's Goals on issues such as gender equality, human rights and empowerment of women and girls and to come together and share experiences, learn about others' approaches and gain inspiration, build partnerships, and influence government delegates and UN agencies to join and contribute to real change in the lives of women and girls around the world. 1000 African Women Network members were well-represented through the participation of members from countries like

Cameroon, Niger, France, Swiszerland, Congo , Swiszerland, France , etc..



His Excellency Ambassador Abdala Wifey of Niger to the United Nations reinforced our partnership during his speech in eradicating poverty and increasing education for poor people in Africa, to leverage and support the work of women around the world and mostly in Africa. AHC appreciated his full support for the network!!! Honorable Haoua was honored and given the privileged to welcome his Excellency at the reception. Honorable Pierre Wafo was one of the award recipients for his continued work in eradicating poverty through providing quality education to men, women, young girls and boys and children in Cameroon. To his left is AHC's Global Volunteer Ingrid Wafo. Other guest under are Tchoutouo Florence, Lidwine Barham and AHC's intern.



Executive Director/ Founder, Clarisse Mefotso Fall, MPH

Responding to Health Disparities in the African Communities

Thank you to all the Organizations and service providers that took time out of their work to be here this morning.

It is a great honor for me to be with such distinguished professionals in this room. Since the formation of African HOPE Committee, I have been struck by the power of strong, courageous women and men of the African community. From Cameroon, central Africa where I come from to West Africa, South Africa and many countries in between. It has been a joy and a privilege to meet and work with African women, young girls, men and children.

Today, I want to thank each and every one of you for your leadership and personal dedication for the work you do in our community. There are remarkable services in the community notably, social, health, immigration, education, art, media and many other small businesses that provide cultural food, images and art in our community.

African Hope Committee is proud to have partnered with other service providers, health institutions to increase awareness around issues that have great impact in the African immigrant community.

The organization is all about changing and improving the life of African women, young girls, boys, and their families. **The organization listens to the needs and dreams of individuals we serve in the community.** We provide the support they need in order for them to live and accomplish their dreams. We work to change stereotypes that people with cultural and linguistic barriers face, at the same time, we advocate on their behalf the changes they need in order to improve their lives.

AHC's programs and services have grown beyond HIV awareness and prevention over the last five years. Today, our website has been updated to reflect our current focus and services and has become a model to access information.

The board of director and I are deeply committed to AHC's continued success and since 2004, we have made great progress in connecting and bridging the gap to improve services in the African immigrant community in New York City.





The organization/ Network received support and encouragement letter from the First Lady, Michelle Obama for the last 2 years!!! Stating that, she wishes the organization more strength and hopes that we could continue to work with those close to us to strengthen our community and our country!!!

AHC appreciates her kind words and recognition toward the work we do to elevate women and girls around the country. The First Lady and her office also has recognized our work in the areas of HIV/AIDS and congratulated the organization in the past for hosting HIV/AIDS Women and Children Health Summit for 6 years consecutively.

AHC is very proud of the First Lady Initiative. The First lady Michelle Obama teams up with Oprah to host ‘United State of Women’ summit at White House. She strongly believes that together, we are stronger. We are excited because this is not far from our mission with 1000 African Women Network, where we bring together women and young girls across the nation and around the world to work together and support each other visions and dreams.



MISS CAMEROON, VALERIE AYENA CALLED EVERY SINGLE YOUNG GIRLS ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA TO STAND

UP FOR THEMSELVES. HER GOAL IS TO EMPOWER YOUNG GIRLS IN AFRICA.



AHC 's Volunteers at the CSW60, Fidelis Sop has been very supportive since the formation of the organization in 2004 and he continues to assist with event planning, coordination and implementations.



Ingrid Wafo, is our Global Volunteer and works to advocate for young girls and youth around the world and expose them to current issues affecting women and girls.



CANAL 2 TV / CAMEROON -COVERAGE AT THE CSW60



EXECUTIVE CLARISSE MEFOTSO FALL AT THE UNITED NATIONS COORDINATING DELEGATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD .



Delegates from around the world attending The CSW60 AT THE UNITED NATIONS, HEADQUARTERS



A special Invitation by The African Gas Association to attend their second annual Power Dinner at the Doubletree by Hilton, downtown Silver spring. TAGA's mission is to influence and support policies which promote a strong, viable and sustainable natural gas industry in Africa and beyond in an efficient and environmentally friendly manner. The Africa Gas Association sponsors and participates in a number of forums, partnerships and coalitions to foster dialogue on energy policy and achieve a better understanding of natural gas in Africa. Picture above with H.E. Ambassador of Ivory Coast, Daouda Diabate made a stunning remark at the power dinner. H.E Ambassador Daouda Diabate spoke about the economic growth of the country. Economic growth remained strong in 2014, as the previous two years, with an estimated rate of 8.3% is expected to remain at similar levels in 2015 and 2016. This growth is supported by both domestic and external demand. Public and private investment in infrastructure and consumer spending are supporting domestic demand. Foreign demand boosts its part exports of commodities, with world prices on the upside. This growth is also the result of efforts under the National Development Plan (NDP) for the improvement of business environment and the acceleration of structural reforms. The country has become more attractive, especially for foreign direct investment (FDI).



TAGA CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BRINGS IN CHARITY SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES WHERE THE FOCUS IS ON HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT. Working with local and poor community to bring changes and increase education. CEO Ngozi Anne Etoke is not only a successful entrepreneur but a community leader!! Traveling around the world not only for the company but to provide

community support especially in Africa. She herself has adopted several kids in Africa where she provides resources and fees for special education for the kids to attend school. Here she is surrounded by other powerful women including Clarisse Mefotso Fall, President of 1000 African Women Network. Her mission is to bring together and expose African and Black women in the world of business.





Meet Event participants with CEO Ngozi Anne Etoke at the Power Dinner reception in Maryland. The reception brings in member states, corporate leaders, women entrepreneurs and government officials including investors in the field of oil and Gas and entrepreneurships.



CANAL 2 TV /CAMEROON COVERAGE AT THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE 2016 CSW60, STEVE IS THE PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR IN NEW YORK. HERE INTERVIEWING HONORABLE PIERRE WAFO AND CLARISSE MEFOTSO FALL.



GUESTS AT THE GALA NETWORK RECEPTION



MEET AHC'S TEAM AT THE CSW60 GALA RECEPTION WITH MALICK MAMADOU, HONORARY MEMBER, TERRYLYNN SMITH, VICE CHAIR, FATIME BA, BOARD MEMBER, CLARISSE MEFOTSO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND INGRID WAFO, GLOBAL YOUTH VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.



H.E. Ambassador of Italy, Claudio Bisogniero spoke at the CSW60 session on Migration. He really alliterated the impact of migrations in Italy. We learned that an estimated 232 million people currently live outside their country of origin, many having moved for a variety of reasons in which the search for protection and the search for opportunity are inextricably entwined. Migration affects every region of the world, and many countries are now simultaneously countries of origin, destination and transit. Large numbers of migrants today move between developing countries, and around 40 percent of the total global migrant population have moved to a neighboring country within their region of origin. Picture at the end of the session with Honorable Pierre Wafo.



Mr. Anatole Toukam escorting delegates at the UN for a session. He is currently the Global Project Director for African Hope Committee, where he oversees the United Nations partnerships and the Sustainable Development Goals. Originally from Cameroon, Anatole Toukam is a Certified Project Manager (CAPM[®]) and a social entrepreneur, passionate with international development, rule of law and sustainable development. He believes “change comes from within and not necessarily from outside. There is nothing a human being can’t achieve if he/her wants it badly enough”. In August 2015, Mr. Toukam was appointed to the Board of Newark African Commission (NAC) by the Mayor of the City Newark Honorable RAS J. BARAKA, where he served as the Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee. As an entrepreneur also, Mr. Toukam is the CEO of African Consulting Group International and a District Leader at Primerica Financial Services.



Brewer announces 312 Community Board appointments, including 81 new members

NEW YORK – Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer today announced this year's slate of appointments to Manhattan's 12 Community Boards. The appointments took effect earlier this month and include 81 new members, more than a quarter of the 312

appointments.

“Manhattan's community boards are at the center of negotiations and decisions on the size and character of new real estate development, how our parks and public spaces are used and cared for, and what government can do for our neighborhoods,” said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. “As our applicant pool continues to grow, we will keep striving to build Community Boards that are fully reflective of our neighborhoods.”

(News from Gale Brewer Office)

Here at Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer residence this year!! She lives in the Heart of midtown Manhattan!!! The community loves her for her hard work!!! For your recognition!!! Deputy borough president was present with other dignitary members !!! Civic job that's all!!!



At Manhattan Borough President Gayle Residence in Manhattan!! Private reception for panelists and other elected officials to thank us for the commitment in reviewing committee board members applications for 2016!!

The Executive Director, Clarisse Fall is calling all the African community in New York to come out and do their Civic jobs even if you think you have a tied schedule!

Manhattan Borough President is the best Borough President, working with her community to ensure community safety and development!!each year she invites the panelist of community board in Manhattan to say thank you!!

Here at her residence this year!! Heart of midtown Manhattan!!! We love you and thank you!!! For your recognition!!! Deputy borough president was present with other dignitary members!!! Civic job that's allll!



With H.E. Minister of the indigenous and northern affairs in Canada, Benett!! Made a stunning closing remarks after the panel presentation on indigenous women in the world!!!United Nations headquarters!!! With partners from Congo

Forum sur les indigenes aux nations

Ici avec la ministre des indigenes et des affaires du north du Canada Mme Bennett !!! Elle a fait une presentation sur les femmes indigenes!!! Tres remarkable!!!!

The 15th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) brought together Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives together around the theme, 'Indigenous peoples: conflict, peace and resolution.' The session will address: implementation of the six mandated areas of the PFII with reference to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); conflict, peace and resolution; and coordination among the three UN mechanisms on indigenous affairs. A dialogue will take place with the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous

Peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The session said to consider the future work of the PFI, and emerging issues.

dates: 9-20 May 2016 venue: UN Headquarters, New York City location: New York City, US





The Wife of Nigerian President, Mrs Aisha Buhari, welcomed First Lady of Cameroon in Abuja in May 2016 and said that she would collaborate with the First Lady of the Republic of Cameroon, Mrs. Chantal Biya, in the areas of women and children development. Mrs. Buhari took the opportunity to say this when she received Mrs. Biya, who was on a two-day official visit to Nigeria with her husband, President Paul Biya. She mentioned on how they can partner to enhance the activities of their foundations. She believes that as wives of leaders, their humanitarian service is like bridging the gap between the government and the people of the country.



Attending a High Level meeting on Ending AIDS at the United Nations Headquarters With Leaders of the health sectors in Africa including Honorable Minister of Health and Hygiene of Senegal representing H.E. Macky Sall, president of Senegal ; H.E. Minister of health and social hygiene in Senegal, Dr. Awa Marie Colle Seck was the one that guided even President Macky Sall about the one case of Ebola in Senegal when a young man ran from Guinee to Senegal with the disease to seek help and luckily he was cured and sent back and from there she ordered preventable measures in the country!!! Senegal's success against Ebola has boosted the profile of the medical doctor. As the government's third-highest ranking official she led efforts to contain the disease.

H.E. Minister of health and social welfare of Liberia Dr. Bernice was a Guest of Honor. The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare is a **government ministry** of the **Republic of Liberia**. In June 2015 **Bernice Dahn** became the Health Minister. Dr. Dahn succeeded Dr. Walter Gwenigale. As of 2014, the ministry is engaged in a major public health campaign to control the **Ebola virus epidemic** in Liberia. Other ECOWAS WAHO leaders presenting on drugs to eradicate AIDS by 20



Another High Level Government official attending the High Level meeting on Ending AIDS at the United Nations Headquarters was H.E Vice Prime Minister of Health , representing HE Ali Bongo Ondimba , President of Gabon.

Roche and the Gabon Ministry of Health announce partnership to improve healthcare

Roche has recently announced that it had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the government of Gabon that would help patients in the African country get better access to its cancer medicines. This agreement builds upon the existing National Cancer Program which was established by the ministry of health in 2006. Gabon has in many ways led the fight against cancer in central Africa by launching several nationwide initiatives aiming to improve treatment options for people with cancer. One such effort was the setting up of the Libreville Cancer Institute. This latest agreement with Roche takes the effort to a new level.
(http://www.roche.com/media/store/roche_stories/roche-stories-2016-03-01.htm)



Celebrating the work of H. E Marieme Faye Sall, First Lady of Senegal at 1000 African Women Network – Visit facebook page @ 1000 African Women Network. Her Foundation Servir Le Senegal is one of a kind!!! Follow the link to learn more about her humanitarian work in Africa and Senegal!!!

<http://mariemefayesall.com/fondationservirlesenegal-mariem.../>

H.E. Mrs Sall is steadfast in her commitment to improving the living and working conditions of the Senegalese people. In her current role as Chairperson of 'Fondation Servir Le Senegal,' her vision is to implement initiatives to advance the nation's development across a number of sectors.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted in September 2015 for the period 2015-2030 are:

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (in line with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



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