CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2022

Bodily Autonomy, Choice, and Rights: ending violence in multiple forms

A rallying cry for participants to imagine a different kind of world with sessions focused on violations to the bodily autonomy of girls and women on the continent, and lifting up grassroots-led strategies to push back and reimagine normative practices.

OPENING PLENARY

“We Will End Violence in this Lifetime”

Statements of Solidarity from Vice President Liberia & Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, and Girls and Youth statements

SESSION CHOICES

“Bodily Autonomy, Reproductive Justice & Violence Against Women and Girls”

EXPERT PANEL

“Where is Africa's Green Wave for Abortion Access?” – The revolutionary steps being taken on the Continent, with lessons models and achievements, from Fos Feminista

STRATEGY SESSION
“Our Bodies, Our Choice” – Youth Led Strategies on bodily autonomy and rights

“Solidarity Space – Therapy, Self-care and How to Find Your Wellbeing”

“Ending FGM On the Continent – What is the Way Forward?” – Grassroots organisations in Sierra Leone and activists from across the continent talk about what it will take.

“Intergenerational Dialogue on Sex, Pleasure, and Shame”

“How do we Respond to Gender-Based Violence in Crisis Contexts?”

“Unheard Stories: Hidden in Plain Sight” – why do some stories form the dominant narrative while others are left unheard?

“On the Front Line – The Reality of Wartime Sexual Violence” – what do we do when nation states and justice systems fail us?

“Reproductive Health” – what are the social, cultural and economic barriers we face when trying to access reproductive care?

CLOSING KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION
“The Sex Lives of African Women” – African feminist powerhouse Nana Darkoa Sekyiamah
Panel: Feminist visions for a future of safety, dignity and freedom for all girls and women

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
An exclusive live performance from Yemi Alade
THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2022
Naming Our Stories and Demanding Our Rights

Through survivor-centred strategies for accessing justice, transforming systems and services, the day focuses on an epidemic of violence through the eyes of survivors, the partners who are demanding justice, and the power of youth activism to transform the world as we know it.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Building Futures without Violence with Dr Reem Elshfaie of the Sex Talk Arabic and world renowned author Namina Forna

Panel discussion Sexual Violence as a State of Emergency – Perspectives from Sierra Leone

SESSION CHOICES

“Access to Justice, Human Rights and Accountability Mechanisms on the Continent”

“Feminist Fathers and Male Accountability” – how can men and boys make sure they have the tools they need to contribute to a gender-equal world?


“Solidarity Space – How to be a Supportive Friend”

“Exploring Male Accountability: A Reflection Space for Boys and Young Men”

“Ingredients for a positive narrative on CSE: Building on evidence, country experience and political commitment”
“Promoting Girls' Leadership in Ending Child Marriage. Lessons from Dominican Republic and Niger” – from the Girls First Fund

STRAIGHT STRATEGY SESSION

“Reducing Gender-Based Violence in School: A Whole System Approach”

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“Re-imagining Funding Practice with Donors and Girls”

EXPERT PANEL

“Youth Activists on Survivorship and Solidarity”

YOUTH-LED SESSION

“Sex after Sexual Assault – Exploring the Role of Pleasure in the Healing Journey”

WELLNESS

“Feminist Dreaming for Black Girls and Women”

WELLNESS

CLOSING KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

“Me Too in Transnational Perspective” – with Curator and Social Documentary Photographer, founder of A Long Walk Home, Scheherazade Tillett and powerhouse young activist Olaoluwa Abagun.

Panel “Solidarity Across Borders: Youth Perspective on Building A World Free from Violence”

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EVENING PROGRAMME

‘Sip’ with Fōs Feminista – Reflections on the state of feminist SRJ organising in Africa

Feminist Book Club, Namina Forna and Nana Darkoa Sekyiamah with Margaret Busby
FRIDAY 1 JULY 2022

Looking Ahead: Shared Visions and Collective Accountability

The final day focuses the urgent conversation on accountability and what it means to centre movements for justice and an end to violence. Through powerful strategies and tactics that model safety, dignity and bodily autonomy for all girls and all women everywhere, it offers a powerful reminder that the world we imagine should be made possible.

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PLENARY AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“Moving Forward” – Yvonne Aki-Sawyer, Mayor of Freetown and Ndiilokelwa Nthengwe of Shut It All Down.

“Partnerships to End Violence: Centering Social Movements as the solutions Perspectives and commitments from Governments, UN Agencies and Donors”

Francoise Moudouthe, CEO of AWDF with movement leaders.

SESSION CHOICES

“Remaking the World With and For Girls” – hearing directly from activists who power Purposeful’s work.

“One Year On: How can the Generation Equality Forum Deliver for Sexual Health and Rights in Africa?”

“A Legacy of Loss: Colonial History of Sexual Violence”

“Feminist Community of Care: Sexual and Reproductive Justice in Africa” – with RESURJ

“Radical Love, Care and Wellness: Critical SRHR Issues and Connecting the Political of African Women’s Bodies” – with AWDF

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WELLNESS
“Decolonising Sexual Health Rights and Contraception”

“Feminist Action on LGBTQI+ Rights”

“Breakthrough moments where resources and programming are powering civil society efforts to end violence” – with UN Spotlight Initiative

“Feminist Book Club” – Adelle Onyango with Margaret Busby

CLOSING PLENARY AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Learnings and Commitments
Reflections on the Conference, Chernor Bah and Josephine Kamara of Purposeful Solidarity Statement – Lisa Chesny, British High Commissioner

Closing Plenary – Cessouma Minata Samate, Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development AUC.

Presidential Address – His Excellency Julius Maada Bio & Her Excellency the First Lady of Sierra Leone, Madam Fatima Maada Bio

An exclusive live performance from Yvonne Chaka Chaka

ALL DAY EVERY DAY

- Wellness Space
- Food Court
- Discover Zone and Youth Zone – spoken word, self-care, creative writing, zine making
- Marketplace – Girls’ Collectives and the best of Sierra Leone
- Stories of Girls’ Resistance Exhibition
- Black Girl Play Exhibition – international art exchange
- On-site therapists

EVENINGS

- Performances and music from activists from round the world
- Film screenings
- Poetry Hours
- Sister Circles
- Feminist Book Club