



Women Deliver Forum

Banjul, The Gambia

March 2, 2020

8:30 am **Arrival and registration of participants** (Coffee provided)

Host of Ceremony: Ms. Nyima Camara – Political Science Lecturer, University of The Gambia

9:45 am **Opening prayer**

- Imam Baba Leigh
- Janet Mansal - Teachers Union

9:55 am **National Anthem**

- The Gambia Police Force

10:00 am **Opening Remarks: Strengthening Women's Voices in Governance and Broader Society**

- Ramatoulie Sarr, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Office of the Vice President on behalf of H.E., Dr. Isatou Touray, Vice President of The Gambia
- Kumba Sanneh, Board Chairperson, Future in Our Hands-The Gambia
- Hannah Forster, Executive Director, African Center for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
- Sarata Conateh, Program Manager, Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry

11:00 am **Panel 1: Policy Advocacy and Implementation of The Gambia's National Development Plan**

The Gambia created a new [National Development Plan \(2019\)](#) (NDP) which embraces democratic values and relies on the collaboration of civil society and the private and public sectors to foster an open society, stimulate growth, and restore good governance. This discussion will focus on the ways in which government policy creation and implementation can enable good business and a democratic environment for its citizens. Participants will identify challenges and opportunities for women leaders in the policy space.

- Falu Njie, Policy Adviser, Office of the President of the Republic of The Gambia
- Rohey Malick Lowe, Mayor of Banjul (first woman mayor of the capital)
- Bintou Gassama, Executive Director, Women's Bureau
- Muhammed S. Bah, National Coordinator, Democratic Union/ IRI Affiliate (**Moderator**)

12:30 pm **Question and Answer**

1:00 pm **Lunch and prayer break:**

Young Women's Political Leadership Dialogue (invite only)

- Esther Tawiah, Executive Director, Gender Center for Empowering Development (**Moderator**)

2:00 pm **Panel 2: Responsive Governance in The Gambia: Ethics, Security, and Economic and Political Inclusion**



Civil society has a role to play in making democracy deliver. This panel will explore potential avenues for collaboration among women leaders in civil society to strengthen the ethics of governance; address increasing security concerns in the region; and ensure the economic and social inclusion of citizens in policy development, particularly marginalized populations. Panelists will share their insight working in these critical areas.

- Fatou Jagne Senghor, Executive Director, Article 19
- Marr Nyang, Executive Director, Gambia Participates
- Ya Kumba Jaiteh, Member of National Assembly
- Jainaba T. Sarr, Human Resources Officer, Future in Our Hands-The Gambia (**Moderator**)

3:00 pm **Question and Answer**

3:30 pm **Coffee Break**

4:00 pm **Panel 3: Inclusive Approaches to Entrepreneurship and Policy Engagement**

Building the institutions of a strong market economy should result in reducing barriers to doing business and promoting an entrepreneurial culture that provides access to opportunities for all citizens. This panel will explore inclusive approaches to women centered entrepreneurship, policy engagement, and economic reforms, which can ensure that democracy and the market economy are accessible to all segments of society.

- Naffie Barry, President, The Gambian Women's Chamber of Commerce (GWCC)
- Fatou Saine Gaye, Executive Director, Gaye Nyorro Skills Academy
- Naa Ceesay Marenah-Mercier, Proprietor Moonflower Montessori School and Founder of Teach For Gambia
- Alieu Secka, Chief Executive Officer, Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (**Moderator**)

5:00 pm **Question and Answer**

5:30 pm Closing remarks

- Buba M.S. Faburay, Director, Future in Our Hands-The Gambia
- Mamby Diouf, National Endowment for Democracy
- Danielle Agyemang, World Movement for Democracy

5: 40 pm **Amplifying Cross-Sector Partnerships through the Arts**

- Awa Bling, Rapper, Team Gom Sa Bopa (Believe in Yourself)
- Killa Ace, Rapper, Team Gom Sa Bopa (Believe in Yourself)
- Lala Touray - Poet
- Lena B, Musician
- SLA Cultural Choir

7:00 pm **Depart**