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WELCOME ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! As we begin an exciting new year together, I would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you.

As the President of Women in Politics Forum, I am delighted to have you on board as part of our amazing community. The start of a new year brings with it a sense of fresh beginnings and endless possibilities. It is time for us to join forces, support one another and pursue the common goals.

At Women in Politics Forum, we are committed to empowering women in the political arena and creating a more inclusive society. We have got an exciting line up of events, workshops and initiatives planned over the course of the year that will inspire and equip you with the tools needed to succeed.

I would like you to actively participate, share your ideas and connect with other participants who are passionate about making a difference. Together, we can break down barriers, challenge norms, and have a lasting impact. I am sure we will achieve remarkable things with your commitment and the collective strength of our community.

Welcome to a new year, once more! I am delighted to embark on this journey with all of you.

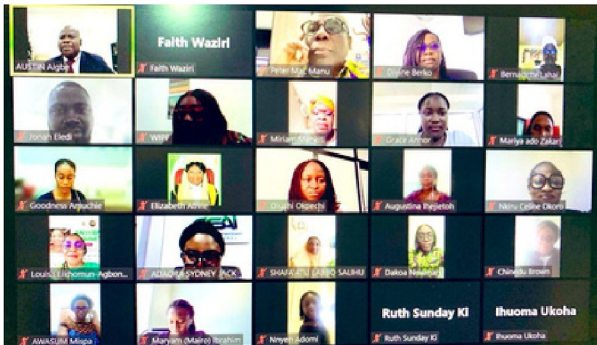


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President Women In Politics Forum

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REGIONAL CONVENING ON GENDERED POLITICAL SPACE



The Women in Politics Forum, with support from the West African Democracy Solidarity Network (WADEMOS), hosted a Regional Convening on Gendered Political Space. WADEMOS and stakeholders in mainstreaming gender in governance from the West African Region shared experiences of the impact of legislation. Participants engaged in strategic discussions, sharing valuable insights and lessons learned from their respective countries.



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Inclusive development is essential for true democracy. It means holistic participation and equal representation of all genders in policy decision-making.

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The impact of legislation like the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Act 2022 of Sierra Leone was highlighted, showing how it has opened up spaces for women's political participation. Participants from Nigeria gained valuable knowledge from these experiences, which can help in further advancing gender equality and empowering women in politics.

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The core of democracy lies in the active participation and representation of all genders, ensuring a diverse and inclusive society where every voice is heard and valued.

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It was an inspiring and empowering event, Rt. Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai, Ms Comfort Lamptey, and Peter Mac Manu were among the esteemed speakers at the Regional Convening on Gendered Political Space. Dr. Bernadette Lahai brought her expertise and valuable insights into women's political participation.

Ms Comfort Lamptey shared her vast experience in advocating for gender equality, provided valuable perspectives on the topic. Peter Mac Manu's expertise in political affairs brought a unique perspective to the discussions. Their contributions added depth and diversity to the conversations, making it even more enriching for all participants.

NEW PATRIOTIC PARTY (NPP) PRIMARIES OBSERVATION

The Women in Politics Forum delegation recently had the opportunity to observe the NPP parliamentary primaries in Ghana. It was truly captivating to witness the transparent process conducted by the Electoral Commission, which helps ease the burden on the courts from pre-election litigation.



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On the other hand, electoral decisions are heavily dependent on the courts in Nigeria, leading to a lot of confusion among voters. In order to ensure a fair and effective democratic system, this highlights the need for a more streamlined and transparent electoral process.



Countries need to learn from each other's experiences and work towards improving their electoral systems. We can build trust and confidence with voters by supporting transparency and fair play. We will continue to support initiatives that strengthen democracy!

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YOUNG WOMEN IN POLITICS FORUM KOGI STATE CELEBRATES THE FIRST FEMALE DEPUTY SPEAKER OF KOGI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The Young Women in Politics Forum (YWIPF) Kogi State Chapter celebrated the first female Deputy Speaker of Kogi State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Comfort Nwochola. They organized a celebratory reception for her and expressed their joy for increased women's representation in politics. Rt. Hon. Comfort Nwochola expressed commitment to women's empowerment, and members of the Young Women In Politics Forum (YWIPF) assured her of women groups support stating that one step at a time, our advocacy for inclusive governance will bear fruits.



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YOUNG WOMEN IN POLITICS FORUM ABUJA CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP

A strategic data collation of members of the Young Women in Politics Forum Abuja (YWIPF ABUJA) through a membership registration process. The registration process encouraged current and intending members to apply to show their commitment to the community.



WHAT OUR READERS SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR FROM WIPF IN 2024

In 2024, our readers can look forward to some remarkable endeavors from the Women in Politics Forum!

We will focus on the empowerment of women in leadership, the promotion of gender equality and the promotion of inclusive politics. We'll keep you up to date with inspiring stories, informative articles, and engaging events. It is going to be an amazing year!

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ABOUT US

Women In Politics Forum (WIPF) is a non-governmental organization with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) status with the objective of increasing the number of women in politics in Nigeria through capacity building, mentoring, and networking. We are a civil society organization championing the cause of Nigerian women in politics and amplifying their voices.

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