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Galvanizing Zimbabwean women leadership

This side-event will witness the birth of an innovative platform created to ensure that Zimbabwean women can meaningfully participate and influence the development of the nation. AWLN Zimbabwe will be launched under the theme "*Peace and social cohesion for sustaining Zimbabwe's development*".

AWLN core team represents a diversity of women across generations and backgrounds who have competently contributed to nation-building in their various spheres of influence.

Their vision is to transform the narrative in Zimbabwe regarding women's leadership in different spaces – address division, polarisation, marginalization and discrimination.

AWLN Zimbabwe aims to create a space for solution-oriented thinking where women leaders connect and lead differently for the betterment of the nation. The space also seeks to bridge intergenerational divide through harnessing the demographic dividend.

History of the women's movement in Zimbabwe

The women's movement in Zimbabwe has been an important force pushing for gender equality in the country. Past experience resulted in years of building alliances with women across the political, social and economic spectrum.

Key achievements of the women activism to date include mobilizing women's participation in the constitution making process which resulted in a gender responsive constitution.

The constitution provided for the establishment of a Gender Commission, 60 reserved seats in the National Assembly, equality and non-discrimination.

AWLN Zimbabwe Core Team



Hon. Minister Sithembiso Nyoni, Minister of Women's Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development



Dr. Thokozani Khupe, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe



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The African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) was established in 2017 with the intent to create a fora for existing and emerging women leaders across the continent to share their experiences and to create partnerships in order to work towards established African and international goals.

The AWLN serves as a continental platform to galvanize women's leadership towards lasting peace and sustainable development in all sectors and at all levels.

The AWLN also serves as a practical instrument to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) at the regional level. At the heart of this agenda is the role that African women leaders shall play to ensure that "no woman is left behind".