



WINDHOEK DECLARATION OF AFRICAN FIRST LADIES/SPOUSES ON CERVICAL, BREAST AND PROSTATE CANCER

MOVING FORWARD TO END CERVICAL CANCER BY 2030: UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION

WE, the African Ladies/Spouses, Parliamentarians and Ministers, meeting at the 8th Stop Cervical, Breast and Prostate Cancer Conference in Windhoek, Namibia, from 20 to 22 July 2014;

DEEPLY CONCERNED about the rise in communicable and non communicable diseases generally and cervical, breast and prostate cancer morbidity and mortality in Africa in particular;

CONCERNED that the burden of cervical cancer has become a growing health problem and is a leading cause of death amongst women;

RECALLING the recommendations by the African Heads of State and Government Summit held in Malabo in 2014 to integrate HIV and AIDS and maternal and child health and the advancement of the African Common Position on the post 2015 development agenda; African Youth Charter and the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;

NOTING the various initiatives undertaken by various African Governments and their partners in the combating and management of cancer of the cervix, breast and prostate.

ALSO RECALLING the achievements of the previous conferences on cervical, breast and prostate cancer;

DETERMINED to fully implement programmes geared towards the early detection and prevention of cancers;

CONVINCED that in order to address cancer, both short and long term measures will be required that encompasses awareness raising for the adoption of healthy lifestyles choices;

Hereby **COMMIT** to the following:

1. **REAFFIRM** individually and collectively, our previous commitments aimed at stopping cancer;

2. **COMMIT** ourselves to promote the development /implementation of evidence based sound health policies and programmes to combat cervical, breast and prostate cancers;
3. **INTENSIFY** advocacy for adequate human, technical and financial resources to achieve universal access to HPV vaccinations, treatment and care for cervical, breast and prostate cancers;
4. **PROMOTE** awareness and dissemination of accurate health information through working together with religious, traditional and community leaders and civil society organizations and the media;
5. **REDOUBLE** our efforts to mitigate misconceptions and stigma attached to cancer and integrate cervical, breast and prostate cancers, HIV and AIDS and maternal and child health programmes;
6. **SUPPORT** the efforts of our Governments to enhance the participation of African research institutes, universities, civil society, private sector and other relevant stakeholders to support cancer prevention and treatment programmes in Africa;
7. **ADVOCATE** for further support to the Forum of African First Ladies/Spouses Against Cervical, Breast and Prostate Cancer to give visibility to non-communicable diseases by creating awareness about cancer in Africa;
8. **PROVIDE STEWARDSHIP** as First Ladies/Spouses, Parliamentarians and Ministers to intensify awareness and efforts towards ending cervical cancer and AIDS by 2030;
9. **COLLABORATE** with bilateral, multilateral partners and the private sector to ensure the availability of technical and financial support in the prevention, control and treatment of cervical, breast and prostate cancers;

Issued and signed in Windhoek on the 22nd July, 2014

Signatures

1. H.E. Madame Penehupifo Pohamba



2. H.E. Dr. Maria da Luz Dai Guebuza



3. H.E. Dame (Dr) Patience Goodluck Jonathan

4. H.E. Madame Tobeka Madiba-Zuma



5. H.E. Madame Lordina Dramani Mahama

6. Her Royal Highness Inkosikati LaMbikiza

7. H.E. Madame Margaret Kenyatta

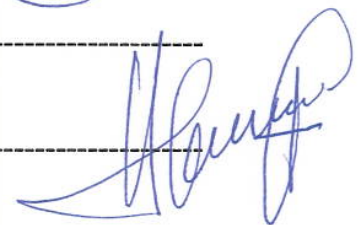


8. H.E. Dr. Malika Issoufou Mahamadou



9. H.E. Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni

10. H.E. Madame Hinda Deby



11. H.E. Madame Roman Tesfaye

12. H.E. Madame Salma Kikwete

13. H.E. Madame Dominique Nouvian-Quattara

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14. H.E. Dr. Christine Kaseba-Sata

15. H.E. Madame Zineb Yahya Jammeh

16. H.E. Madame Keita Aminata Maiga

17. H.E. Madame Hadjira Djoudi

18. H.E. Madame Antoinette Sassou N'guessou

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