

**First Lady's Remarks at
the 17th Ordinary General Assembly of
the Organization of African First Ladies
against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA)
during the 27th African Union Summit**

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**My dear sisters,
Distinguished delegates,
Esteemed technical advisors,
All protocol observed,**

Good morning.

I'm pleased to be with you today as we convene for the 17th General Assembly of OAFILA, and would like to take a brief moment to welcome you all to our beloved nation, hosting for the very first time, a Summit of the African Union.

I hope your time with us is as pleasant as you had imagined it to be. Personally, I can say that the moments with those of you that arrived in Kigali a little earlier, are already a fond memory; there really is nothing like welcoming your sisters in your homeland.

And now, I look forward to more of our time together, well-spent between fruitful discussions, on what we, as First Ladies, can do better to lead our communities to healthier and brighter futures; and

time spent discovering a bit more of the City of Kigali.

But, before we get to this entertaining part, let's roll up our sleeves and start the important conversation that brought us here today.

I thank you for your kind attention.