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First Lady Mrs. Kagame attends OAFLA steering committee



OAFLA Vice-President First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, OAFLA Chairperson First Lady Mrs. Hinda Deby Itno, OAFLA Secretariat Sonia Ndirimba.

On January 29th, Her Excellency the First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame participated in the steering committee meeting for the Organization of the African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA) in Addis Ababa.

The First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame – the current Vice-President of the organization – met with her counter-

parts the First Ladies of Chad, Mozambique, Namibia, Ghana, Senegal, Mali and Zambia for the 13th time. The summit was organized under the theme “Zero new HIV infections through access to health services for mothers and children”.

The assembly deliberated on the on recommendations of the Technical

Advisors made prior to this day.

A memorandum of understanding was signed with the African Union Commission (AUC) to reinforce the partnership between OAFLA and AUC.

Special points of interest:

- First Lady Mrs. Kagame launches the Promotion for Girls Education Campaign.
- First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame launches the Isange One Stop Center.
- Imbuto Foundation host its mentors for an evening with Barb Stegemann.

The First Lady Mrs. Kagame launches the Promotion of Girls Education Campaign

On March 1st, The First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame launched the Promotion of Girls Education Campaign in Gisagara District, as well as the women’s month.

Through the Imbuto Foundation’s campaign, girls are encouraged to perform well and to aim for excellence. This year, more girls were being encouraged to develop technical and vocational skills; this is why St. Kizito Technical School in Gisagara district was selected for the launch.

A total of 433 girls at primary and secondary level have been rewarded across the country.



First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame and UNICEF country representative Noala Skinner with the best performing girls.

First Lady attends the UNAIDS and LANCET commission meeting

On February 13th, The First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame attended the UN-AIDS and LANCET commission meeting in London.

The commission deliberated on 3 central questions: What will it take to end AIDS? How can lessons from the AIDS response inform global health? How must the global health and AIDS architecture be modernized to achieve sustainable global health?

The UNAIDS and LANCET commission: *Defeating AIDS — Advancing global health* was held Lilongwe, Malawi in June 2013. It was set up to draw lessons from the AIDS experience and find ways to move to sustainable health.

Mrs. Kagame, is one of the 30 com-



Mrs. Jeannette Kagame and the other members of UNAIDS and LANCET commission

missioners known for their significant contributions to and leadership in HIV/AIDS

The commission is comprised of politicians, scientists, medical professionals, donors and members of civil society. These include Presidents of Benin, Ghana, and Switzerland, Prime Minister of Jamaica, First Lady of Gabon and Japan, Global Fund Executive Director, AfDB President, Ministers of health and Special advisors to the UN.

First Lady launches the national scale up of the Isange One Stop Center for Gender Based Violence

On February 27th, Her Excellency Mrs. Jeannette Kagame launched the national scale up of the Isange One Stop Center for Gender Based Violence (GBV) at Nyagatare Hospital.

The main purpose of the scale up is to extend a comprehensive response (including medical, psychosocial, forensic and legal services) to all victims of GBV.

Following the successful piloting of the Isange One Stop Centre Model at Kacyiru Police Hospital in Kigali – which the First Lady advocated for – the country embarked on a national scale up in health facilities across the country.

As part of the scale up, 6 existing centers will be upgraded and 17 new ones established.



First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame inaugurating the Isange One Stop Center in Nyagatare

The reason for selecting the Eastern Province as the venue for the launch is that it is the second Province after the City of Kigali, with the highest numbers of GBV cases.

The launch at national level was preceded by an anti-GBV march from the town center to the One Stop Center premises to raise more awareness on ending GBV. Around 2,000 local Nyagatare residents, as well as Ministers of Gender, Internal Security, local leaders attend the event.

"(...) Every person should understand that no one has the right to underestimate his/her partner. It is our duty to build this positive thinking, to protect our families and our children by teaching them good values instead of engaging them in our conflicts as adults (...)"
First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame.

Mrs. Kagame speaks at National Prayer Breakfast side event



First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame with Senator Inhofe, his daughter and Ambassador Mukantabana

On February 5th, The First Lady spoke at the sidelines of National Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC. She addressed over 150 Members of Parliament and other leaders from different parts of the world.

She attributed Rwanda's success to hard work and the impact of prayer. She told the audience that leadership, in the Rwandan context, was about having to make tough decisions, for the benefit of the country.

"We stand by the belief that God granted us the serenity, the courage and the wisdom to lift ourselves from the depths of evil, to the optimism of a new dawn."
 First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame.

President and First Lady of Haiti, Senator James Inhofe were notable members of the audience.

The First Lady also attended the 62nd annual Prayer Breakfast.

Imbuto Foundation host mentors to an evening with Barb Stegemann

Imbuto Foundation, organized a networking evening for the Imbuto Foundation's mentors and young Rwandan entrepreneurs on March 10th.

The Imbuto Foundation mentorship program for the young women of AERG – an organization of student survivors of the genocide – started in November 2013.

Barb Stegemann was invited to give an inspirational talk to men-

tors. She is a self-made business woman who launched her own fragrance company with a business model based on the purchase of essential oils from nations that are rebuilding themselves.

She wrote a book, entitled "The 7 virtues of a Philosopher Queen". The book is based on her journey to empowerment.

In her speech, she elaborated

on the 7 virtues – namely: Courage, Wisdom, Beauty, Justice, Trust, Wonder, and Moderation – in the construction of a successful life.



Mrs. Barb Stegemann addressing her audience

Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Day in Rubavu District in images



Young women participating in the Voluntary Counseling and Testing



Radegonde Ndejuru, Director-General of Imbuto Foundation



Youth of Rubavu attending the ASRH Day



Various guests attending ASRH Day



Hon. Minister of Health Agnes Binagwaho



Mr. Hassan Bahame, Mayor of Rubavu District



Tom Close and Knowless entertaining the crowd



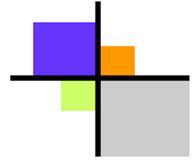
Noala Skinner, UNICEF Country representative



Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle (theatre troupe)

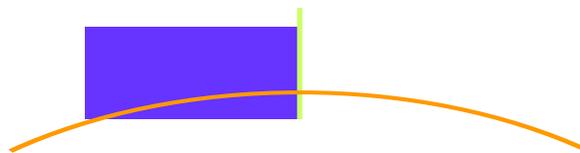


Knowless (singer)



UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEW INITIATIVES

- As part of the Promotion of Girls Education Campaign, the 25 best performing girls who completed secondary school will receive an IT essentials training at Tumba College of Technology, in April.
- Two Reading Days will be organized in May. The aim of those events is to promote the culture of reading and writing from a young age.
- In early May, the Malaria campaign will continue raising awareness about how to prevent malaria in 6 districts: Nyarugenge, Muhanga, Nyanza, Kamonyi, Kicukiro and Gasabo.
- A Career Guidance workshop and a Youth Forum will be held within the month of May.
- Nine Early Childhood Development centers will be opening in the districts of: Ngoma, Rwamagana, Namagabe, Nyamasheke, Gicumbi, Nyabihu, Gakenke, Gasabo and Nyarugenge.
- A parent and adolescent forum will be held in Gicumbi and Nyarugenge during the month of June. The forums encourage open communication between parents and adolescents about reproductive health.



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