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Wrapping Up 2023 with Gratitude and Reflection

As we wrap up 2023, we extend our gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to the cause of women and young women's rights in leadership and decision-making spaces. Your active participation has been the cornerstone of our collective journey throughout 2023, a year marked by impactful initiatives.



The 2023 Annual Young Women Leadership Summit held in Lusaka, Zambia

Webinar on Addressing Violence Against Women in Politics:

This month, in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, AWLF hosted a webinar titled "Breaking Barriers, Building Alliances: Collaboration to Prevent Sexual Violence Against Women in Politics." This session provided a crucial platform for voices dedicated to exposing the pervasive challenges faced by women in politics and proposing actionable solutions. Conducted in solidarity with the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence, the initiative aimed to bring attention to the critical issue of Sexual Violence Against Women in Politics (SVAWiP).

The webinar facilitated a nuanced exploration of the challenges women encounter in political spheres and underscored the vital collaboration between civil society and political leadership in the ongoing effort to eradicate SVAWiP. It provided a space for open dialogue, offering insights and strategies to foster a safer and more inclusive political environment for women.

To delve deeper into the insights shared during the webinar, we invite you to **read more:** <https://awlforum.org/2023/12/22/breaking-barriers-building-alliances-unveiling-solutions-to-combat-violence-against-women-in-politics/>

BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING ALLIANCES

COLLABORATION TO PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN POLITICS



Speaker:

**Hon Maureen
Mabonga**
Member of
Parliament
Zambia



Speaker:

**Lomcebo
Dlamini**
Human Rights &
GenderEquality Activist
Eswatini



Speaker:

**Prof Ngeyi
Kanyongolo**
Gender & Political
Participation Expert
Malawi



Moderator:

**Dione
Vugutsa**
African Women
Leaders Forum
Kenya

In commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence.
Launching the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence.

DATE: 24 November 2023 TIME: 10AM - 12PM (CAT)



Holiday Break

As the year draws to a close, AWLF is taking a well-deserved break, and we encourage you to do the same. From now until the 8th of January, our team will be on holiday, resting and recharging for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We express our heartfelt appreciation for your tireless efforts and engagement throughout the year.



Looking Ahead to 2024:

In the upcoming year, we eagerly anticipate continued engagement and collaboration with our valued members. If there's anything specific, you'd like to discuss or explore further, feel free to reach out. We are enthusiastic about continuing the inspiring work we are doing together.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with renewed energy, opportunities, and successes.

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About AWLF

The African Women Leaders Forum (AWLF) is dedicated to empowering women in Africa, promoting feminist leadership, advocating for evidence-based approaches, and amplifying the voices of activists for inclusive political governance.

We look forward to your active participation in our upcoming events and your continued support in advancing the cause of women's political leadership and gender equality. Together, we can make a difference!

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