

• **Your passport photo:**



- **Name:** Gladys Fri MbuyaLuku.
- **Tenure of office:** 2012 to 2015
- **The theme of your Congress:** After so Much Advocacy, What Next...?
- **The year & place where it was held:** Held in 2013 at the Conference Center in Yaounde.

- **The Communique, if available:**

The 2013 AfricaCongress had the theme, ‘**AFTER SO MUCH ADVOCACY, WHAT NEXT?**’ And was co-hosted by the Regional Vice Presidents for Africa **Barrister MrsEzinwaOkoroafor** and **Barrister Gladys Fri MbuyahLuku**.

FIDA Africa Regional Congress is usually a forum to renew contacts, re-contact, build coalitions, develop and share strategies on urgent issues that are critical to the promotion, protection and preservation of the rights of women and children in the continent. It was on this premise that the 2013 FIDA Africa Regional Congress was organized. The congress was unique. The collaboration of the two Regional Vice Presidents to jointly organize a congress demonstrated the kind of solidarity and spirit that women human rights activists in the region and all FIDA country branches should exhibit.

The congress received goodwill messages from various institutions and individuals including the International President of FIDA Mrs Sheela Anish, who recognized FIDA’s long-term fight for gender equality and the need to brace up to new challenges especially in the face of advancement in technology. In her own message, FIDA Historian Mrs. Veronica Odunuga encouraged FIDA to continue to raise the awareness on violence against women and girls as a human rights issue. Dr.GraceOngile, the UN entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Representative to Nigeria and ECOWAS in a message to the Congress wished the delegate happy deliberations and sent her Theme Paper for the benefit, following her inability to attend on account of travel challenges.

The Congress was formally declared open by the Republic of Cameroon’s Minister of Women’s Empowerment and he Family, MmeAbenaOndoa Nee Obama Marie-Therese, who congratulated FIDA in its role in promoting women’s rights and agreed that after so much advocacy, ‘**The time for action is now**’

MallamSanuseLamidoSanuse - the governor of central bank, Nigeria, presented the Key Note Address covering gender and development issues, from a purely economic perspective his speech highlighted the various interventions and reforms in the banking industry which has impacted the lives of women in the industry in particular and Nigeria in general. It was in recognition and appreciation of his leadership role, innovative and initiatives and programs for the benefit of women that he was presented with the maiden ‘**FIDA GENDER CHAMPION AWARED**’

The congress featured six plenary sessions on the following topics:

- ❖ Women and mobile technology

- ❖ Gender and justice
- ❖ Women’s participation in politics and decision-making
- ❖ Building institutions
- ❖ Women’s health and reproductive rights
- ❖ Strategic litigation.

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Some photos of our activities:



FIDA Cameroon trained 53 paralegals on “How to Draft, Lodge and Follow up complaints on behalf of Survivors” February 2022.



FIDA Cameroon trained 50 Lawyers, Magistrates and Judicial Police Officers on “The Application of CEDAW and MAPUTO Protocol” May 2022.



FIDA Cameroon trained 40 Customary Court Judges on “Using Promotional Human Rights Laws in handling cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence” August 2022.



FIDA Cameroon in an awareness raising match during 16days of activism 28th November 2022.



FIDA Cameroon in a round table conference at Mudeka Chief palace during 16days of activism November 30th, 2022.



FIDA Cameroon trained 60 Lawyer and Magistrates on “Strategic Litigation” on the 15 and 22 of February 2023.





FIDA Cameroon trained 20 Civil Society Leaders on “How to Access the Africa Commission on Human and Peoples’ Right with Complaints” April 20th, 2023.