



59th Session of the Committee on the Status of Women 2015

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AAA's work is based on 3 programmes:

"JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes:

- Knowledge of one's body
- Knowledge that leads to behavior change
- Knowledge that helps to visualize a future without AIDS

"Health before Wealth" Concept promotes:

- Testing for HIV
- Clean hands (hand washing stations)
- Clean water (drinking stations)
- Dignified toilets
- Fighting against Malaria (treated mosquito bed nets)
- Vaccination
- Anti worms medicin

"Women's economic autonomy" through our Scholarship Programme. This scholarship enables each teenage orphan girl to complete at least a secondary, general or technical education that will lead to financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing the risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and violence.

The 59th Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York, was very well attended: a record breaking 3600 participants registered with wait times of under an hour. The theme this year Beijing plus 20, celebrating The Beijing Declaration and platform for action, and assessing where we go from here.

The phrase **"Women's rights are human rights"** is widely recognized and used at many occasions.

The goal of the Forum was best expressed at by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the opening meeting:

"Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it Up for Gender Equality", "The Beijing Platform has guided us for a generation. But the journey is far from through. Discrimination is widespread. Violence is an epidemic"

"Our shared challenge remains: we need to brake more barriers and shatter more glass ceilings. I have followed a simple philosophy as United Nations Secretary General. **Too often leaders have used women to advance their power. I believe we must use power to advance women.**"

Additional remarks expressed throughout the meetings: "implementation of good policies has been patchy", and "for too many women, especially in the least developed countries, not enough has changed", " we must acknowledge that the gains have been too slow and uneven, and that we must do far more to accelerate progress everywhere".

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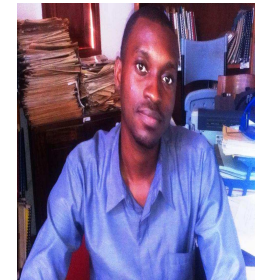
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