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African Women Press for More Empowerment

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An international women's group under the banner of "International Colloquium on Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, International Peace and security" has launched a major campaign for the empowerment of African women.

The group launched the official opening of the campaign yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Several prominent women from the sub-region attended the occasion with a strong vow to campaign for more women's empowerment in national and international decision-making.

Speaking shortly to the participants on the pertinence of the colloquium, the Minister of Gender and Development, Varbah Gayflor, thanked the women of the sub-region for taking upon their time to attend the occasion.

According to Minister Gayflor the colloquium is about recognizing the role that several women have played and continue to play in their nations.

She stated that one of the main focuses of the workshop is to train more women about their role and importance.

"We do not want this to stop here; we want more women participation and this is why we are here today to find a way out," she added.

The Minister further challenged the participants to expand what they would learn from the workshop to other women in their various communities so as to have them well formed about importance of the colloquium.

Minister Gayflor further encouraged her colleagues to take charge of their destiny and then pointed out that there are some challenges involved in taking charge of their fate.

"This is not about being in leadership to suppress others but to make positive impact on the lives of others and this is not just about African women but women at large " she insisted.

For her part, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Olubanke King-Akerele, disclosed that the colloquium started far back in 2006 after President Sirleaf was declared President of the Republic of Liberia.

She said the purpose of the organization was to show the different women what leadership could do if they are given the chance.

Minister Akerele further stated that it was important to note that the world body has also recognized women involvement in leadership, the United Nations and it has been adopted into resolution 1325 of the UN.

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