

Final Communiqué of the 8<sup>th</sup> African Regional Conference of the World Union of Catholic Women Organization in the year of Faith, 2013.

The 8<sup>th</sup> African Regional Conference of the world Catholic women Organization was held from Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria. The theme of the conference was “Love in Action”. Present during the conference were members from various Catholic Women Organization of the following countries: Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Senegal, Togo, Tanzania and Nigeria the host country. The president of the World Union of Catholic Organization (WUCWO) was also in attendance.

Organizations present were as follow:

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Leader of Delegation</b>
Burundi:	<b>Association des Femmes Catholiques du Burundi</b>	Ntakijiruta Primitive
Cameroon:	<b>Associations des Dames Appostoliques du Cameroun</b>	Lobe Eneliene
	<b>Catholic Women’s Association, (CWA) Cameroon</b>	Pricilia Agendia
	<b>Mamans du Monastere du Cameroun</b>	Pr. Rachel Efuoa Zengue
Cote d’Ivoire:	<b>Associations des Femmes Catholique de la Cote d’Ivoire</b>	Toure Jeanette
Guinea Conakry :	<b>Associations des Femmes Catholique de L’Archidiocese De conakry (DFCAC)</b>	Mme Juliette Titi Kamano
Mali:	<b>Association des Femmes Catholiques du Mali</b>	Mme. Sarr Florine Camara
Sénégal:	<b>Cordination des Unions Diocesaines du Sénégal (CUDAFCS)</b>	Mme Monique Thiandoun
	<b>Association d’Entraide des Femmes Catholique du Sénégal et de Gambie.</b>	Mme Marie Andree Sene
Togo:	<b>Association des Femmes Catholiques du Togo</b>	Djeguana Felicia
Tanzania:	<b>Wanawake Wakatouki Tanzania (WHWATA)</b>	Olive Luina
Nigeria:	<b>Catholic Women Organization (CWO)</b>	Mme Felicia Ngozi Onyeabo
	<b>Confraternity of Christian Mothers</b>	Mme Ukpo Sally
	<b>Ladies of St. Mulumba</b>	Mme Pat Ngoo Nwachukwu
Equally in attendance was an observer organization.		
Cameroon:	<b>Ekoan Maria (Observer Status)</b>	Bengono Minifoumou epse Priso Therese

During the conference, three papers were presented by some experts:

- Mothers' love, a key to youth development by Monsignor Lucas Sanosi of Cameroon.
- Women in the light of Africae Munus by Rev. Fr. Alvert Mbene of Senegal
- Women in Leadership: Agent of change and sustainable development by Mrs. Rosaline Menga

A keynote address was presented based on the theme of the conference; "Love in Action" by the President of the catholic Bishops' conference of Nigeria, His Grace Archbishop Ignatius Ayau Kaigama.

Five sub groups were inaugurated after the presentation to examine the different lessons imbedded in the presentations. The sub groups made their reports and were congratulated for the quality of the job done. Their reports were submitted and two further committees were afterwards inaugurated.

The resolution and the Evaluation committees:

These committees were inaugurated to evaluate the conference as a whole and to draw the draft resolution of the 8<sup>th</sup> African Regional Conference of WUCWO, 2013.

After subjecting the report to the General Assembly for review, we, the women of WUCWO gathered in Abuja for the 8<sup>th</sup> African Conference from February 2 – 7, 2013 resolved:

#### Resolutions

- To reaffirm our identity as women and as catholic women in all our engagements at all level in our respective spheres of life.
- To be involved in government through education, sensitization and participation.
- For a better education and protection of children against every form of violence, child labour, child trafficking, early pregnancy, early marriages and other bad traditional / social practices.
- For a better life for the child and the youth who are the future of the church and humanity.
- To promote the woman through education and solidarity, to enable her build self confidence and know her rights, so as to better prepare her in acquiring the necessary mechanism for self-actualization and liberate herself from all cultural impediment that prevents her from attaining equal pedestal with her male folks.
- To call on all women leaders to mentor and promote other women though creation of opportunities.
- To increase awareness that will enable other women from other countries to join WUCWO.
- That WUCWO members the world over should emphasize on sensitization of its group through information dissemination and encourage registration of members with their local bodies while finding better ways of functioning and creating resources for the growth of the organization.

Done at Abuja this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.