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OAFLAD at UNGA80: Building Resilience for Women and Girls in the Face of Climate Change and Conflict

The Organization of African First Ladies for Development (OAFLAD), under the leadership of H.E. Dr. Fatima Maada Bio, First Lady of Sierra Leone, will host a highlevel side event on the margins of the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80).

Under the theme *“Building Resilience for Women and Girls in the Face of Climate Change and Conflict”*, the event will underscore the urgent need to safeguard women and girls’ rights in conflict- and climate-affected settings, ensuring uninterrupted access to health, education, and other essential services.

The gathering will bring together African First Ladies, Heads of State, policymakers, United Nations agencies, African Union representatives, civil society, donors, and influencers to:

- Discuss the intersection between climate, conflict, and gender.
- Advocate for the implementation of gender-responsive policies in conflict- and climate-affected regions.
- Mobilize funding and partnerships to support women-led projects.

Event details

Date: 23 September 2025

Time: 09:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST

Venue: Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice, 320 E. 43rd Street, New York, USA

Live stream: OAFLAD YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@oafladopdad1047>

Media Access & Interviews

Media representatives are invited to cover the event. Interviews with African First Ladies are available **upon request after the event, with related questions submitted** before the interview.

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About OAFLAD

Founded in 2002, as the Organization of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA), the institution evolved into the Organization of African First Ladies for Development (OAFLAD) and is an institution that is able to offer a continent-wide leadership in terms of advocacy in the areas of HIV and a broad range of maternal and child health intervention. As an advocacy organization, the First Ladies of Africa seek to leverage their unique position to advocate for policies that make health services accessible and laws that boost women and youth empowerment. The First Ladies of Africa reinforce favorable policies and programs through advocacy, resource mobilization and development of partnerships with all stakeholders at all levels. The First Ladies engage in various community-level activities to sensitize the community and create awareness on health risks and policies.

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