

WFWP and IAYSP Congo Brazzaville Hold Forum with Focus on the Digital World

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Congo-Brazzaville -- On the occasion of the closing of the month of March, designated as the month of women, the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP-Congo Brazzaville) and the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP-Congo Brazzaville) held a second Forum, "Generation Responsibility," on the theme: "For an Inclusive Digital World: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality." The event took place on Saturday, April 1, 2023, in Brazzaville in the conference room of the Sycomore Church with 80 attendees.



The program consisted of two phases. The first phase of the program began with prayer and a welcome from **Ms. Tania Gombessa**, wife of the pastor of Sycomore Church and Ambassador for Peace. Four panelists then shared their experiences and provided information.

In her speech, Women's *Federation* for World Peace-Congo Brazzaville president, **Ms. Lydia Zodji**, said that this activity is a new beginning, a new impetus and an awakening. She specified that the struggle for women's rights is a daily occurrence and invited women to show positive virtues: gentleness, peace and cohesion. Ms. Zodji indicated that equality must be translated in terms of the vision that women can bring to society. The family being the fundamental unit of society, the basis of education must be respect, love, mutual aid and generosity. Presenting *Mother of Peace*, the memoir of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Founder of WFWP, she added that WFWP plays an educational role and has the status of a member of the UN. She also said in relation to the theme of the event that the digital world has both benefits and

drawbacks and that applications like Whatsapp, Facebook, TikTok and YouTube should not be used for immorality.



In turn, the vice president of WFWP and coordinator of the network of the maternal heart for peace, **Ms. Bayissa Pétronie**, shared the vision of the Founder of WFWP. She stressed that a woman is an individual body of truth who must share a great deal of love and invited the young ladies to lead a life of chastity until marriage.

The secretary general of the Departmental Office of Students, **Ms. Emmanuelle Elion**, remarked that equality refers to the complementarity of men and women. She encouraged the young girls to focus on their studies.



The secretary general of IAYSP, **Mr. Yannick Kasongo**, spoke on event's theme: "For an Inclusive Digital World: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality." He said this is the second forum in that the first was held in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic. He recalled the objective of IAYSP, noting that it brings together young people around the ideals of peace. According to him, the goal of equality is to have the same rights and duties centered on love as well as the same values. He invited women to keep their spirit young whatever their social condition.

He urged mothers to inform themselves about information and communication technologies as we are currently in a digitalized world. To better control children, parents must know the digital world has negative and positive points. He pointed out that the digital world is a drug whose use must be controlled. He challenged women to become aware, to be balanced and to take responsibility.

In the second phase of the program, Ms. Zodzi proceeded to the appointment of **Ms. Yougi Kiese** as president of the youth of the Women's Federation for World Peace to prepare the line of succession for WFWP leadership.