

## WFPW Italy, Supporting the Congolese Women Initiative to support Congo DRC

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WFPW Italy sent us this report about their support of an African Women initiative to support the people of Congo DRC: “WFPW Italy gave the patronage to a conference held by the TAM TAM D’AFRIQUE Association to sensibilise the general Italian and international public opinion about the difficult situation that the Democratic Republic of Congo is living.

Susanne Mbye Diku, TAMT TAM D’AFRIQUE’s president launched a informative debate meeting on 2nd December 2016 at the Sala della Comunita’ of S. Egidio, at the National Institute for the promotion of Health for the INMP Populations of the s. Egidio Community. In her welcoming speech, the president thanked Elisabetta Nistri and the WFPW for the support she brought to the cause. There haven’t been free political elections for years in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the current president has promised for 15 years these free elections. However these have been recently negated just like every form of political campaign and liberal journalism.

On 19th December 2016, the Congolese population decided to demonstrate their disagreement through a public demonstration that may risk violence due to their sense of repression. Hon. Silvia Costa, Hon. Cecilie Kyenge, Prof. Touadi, Father Daniel Kabongu Ngandu, Don Francesco Tedeschi, Dr. Aurizio Gressi, Prof. Samulomba Mukuna also spoke. Susanne expressed the intent and the demand of the TAM TAM D’AFRIQUE: Every African is Africa: as a whole they should take on their historical responsibility and respect the constitution, to defend their lives and rights, and to promote peace and democracy. The world is observing us and they will respect us in the manner we respect ourselves. Consult the West to build authentic relations with Africa based on real partnership, with reciprocal respect whilst defending their own values: life, dignity, democracy... Recall the church to proclaim aloud the Truth from God for the interest of the population of God and his creation.

Register to all the institutions and organisations to defend human rights and to be the voice of those who have non to entitle every right. We ask Italy as one of the doors to Europe, actually, the main nation to become involved in a meaningful way that contributes to the solutions of the Congolese crisis and to all the crises of the nations in the south. Dr. Diku concluded saying that in Africa, the TAM TAM tradition is played by men, but this association of African women (not only Congolese) proposes to recall women to become active promoters of these initiatives for peace and for the resolution of conflict to favour the start of a new era of prosperity including Africa.”

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