**AFRICA WOMEN AND SPORT CONFRENCE**

**14-15 OCTOBER 2016**

**Gaborone, Botswana**

**THEME: “Reshaping Africa Women and Sport”**

* Planned for the 14-15 October 2016
* Targeting 225 people from across Africa
* Venue: TBA

This conference is targeting member states, scholars, researchers, athletes, administrators, public and private sector organizations with interest in sport, media, and members of sport bodies e.g. Africa Union ANOCA, IOC, The Commonwealth, Council of Europe, UNwomen, UNESCO, TAFISA, Peace and Sport etc., NGOs, Women in Sport Businesses, companies dealing with feminine products.

The international bodies will be invited to share their programmes and encourage Africa women and sport to implement and run with them.

**Objectives:**

* Discuss women and sport issues in Africa
* To share best practices and exchange ideas
* To ready Africa for 7th IWG World Conference to be held in 2018 in Botswana (17-20 May 2018)

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| **Conference Themes and sub-themes** |
| **Gender mainstreaming into sport** |
| Using sport to achieve SDGs in Africa  The role of sport in achieving agenda 2063  Taking a gender focused approach to sport policy development |
| **Influence of culture in women and sport** |
| Overcoming gender stereotypes  Gender roles and participation in sport  Demystifying negative masculinity |
| **The role of media in women’s sport in Africa** |
| Gender imbalance reporting in sport  Using new age media and social media    Profiling women in sport |
| **Inclusion in sport** |
| Sexuality in sport  Minority communities in sport  Inclusive sport facilities |
| **Parallel Session Topics**  **5 Sessions per day** |
| 1. Mentorship and empowering of Women in Sport in Africa 2. Sports Science and its role in participation of Women in Sport 3. The status of leadership and management of women in sport 4. Gender Based Violence in sport 5. Physical activity and its benefits for women in Africa 6. A mechanism, of attracting and retaining youth in sport 7. Promoting equal access to sport 8. Recruiting and retaining women and girls in Sport 9. Economics of sport 10. Coach-female athlete relationships :Power dynamics |

**Conference Structure**

4 plenary sessions and total 10 side events for the 2 days (5 parallel sessions per day).

Also includes the following:

• Opening and closing ceremony

• Poster presentations

• Exhibition

• Film- sharing stories of women and girls in sport in Africa

• Booklet to celebrate founders of women in sport in Africa

• Dinner to celebrate women and sport history