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***Building African Women's & Youth Movements and Forming International Sisterhood***

## **Solidarity with Women and Youth of the World**

We have been asked, "If this is an African Women's & Youth Conference, then why should we concern ourselves with women and youth from other nationalities of the world?" Our unification here is in solidarity with all nationalities of women worldwide. We are firm believers in collectivism. We understand that to be in harmony with collectivism the family must be considered more important than the individual, the community more important than the family, the nation more important than the community and all of humanity more important than the nation.

We would like to quote Samora Machel, the former president of Mozambique. "Our aim is to overthrow the power of the exploiting classes in Mozambique... Some think that the objective of our struggle should be to replace Whites in power with Blacks, and to appoint or elect Africans for the various political, administrative and economic positions now held by Whites. This reasoning is either for lack of a developed class-consciousness or because they are themselves involved in exploitation. We must understand and accept the need to destroy the exploitation period. Some identify with the system and refuse its destruction. For them, the final aim of the struggle would in fact be to 'Africanize' exploitation... That is a standpoint that jeopardizes the nature and purpose of the struggle. Because it does not eliminate exploitation, it creates a situation of Blacks exploiting Blacks or Africans exploiting Africans. This is the main problem among us today."

We are part and parcel of the oppressed people of the world. We honor all people fighting against exploitation. We are aligned with all women fighting for emancipation of women and all humanity. We say this with no apologies. This is the reason we feel that it is so.