

## Inspirational African Feminists

Name	Country	Organisation	Why they have been recommended
Abena PA Busia	Ghana	Rutgers University	Uniquely blending feminist activism with creativity and academia Working to expand spaces for positive portrayal of women in Nollywood
Ajoke Silva	Nigeria	Actress Author/Mbaasem (Women's Words)	Production of outstanding African feminist literature Founding Feminist Africa Journal and spearheading the growth of the Africa Gender Institute
Ama Ata Aidoo	Ghana	Berkley University, USA	Operating the only shelter for survivors of Domestic Violence in Ghana
Amina Mama	Nigeria	Ark Foundation	Creating music that is enjoyed world-wide and consistent advocacy for women and girls
Angela Dwamena-Aboagye	Ghana	Musician/UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Governance & Human Rights Consultant	Developing gender mainstreaming frameworks Advancing feminist theory and activism especially in the areas of religion, customary and secular laws
Angelique Kidjo	Benin	Women Living Under Muslim Laws	
Atsango Chesoni	Kenya	Cassava Republic Press	Publishing inspirational African feminist literature
Ayesha Imam	Nigeria	Femmes Africa Solidarité ( FAS) African Women's Development Fund	Dynamic leadership on women's rights, peace and security Co-founding AWDF, contributions to African philanthropy and commitment to protecting democracy in Ekiti State, Nigeria
Bibi Bakare-Yusuf	Nigeria	Writer	Contribution to a renaissance of African women's writing
Binta Diop	Senegal	Author	For outstanding literature which has arguably re-invigorated interest in African literature
Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi	Nigeria/UK	United Nations	For facilitating networking between Anglophone and
Boakyewaa Glover	Ghana		
Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche	Nigeria		
Diakoumba Gassama	Senegal		

Dr Rose Mensah Kutin	Ghana	Abantu for Development	Francophone feminists and for coordinating the African-Spanish Women's Network for a Better World Demonstrating stalwart leadership on women's issues Contributions to the fields of ICT, Economics and women's rights
Giselle Yitamben	Cameroun	ASAFE Foundation for Community Development	For being a strong advocate for women rights and her groundbreaking Children in Armed Conflict report For providing leadership within the African women's movement
Graça Machel	Mozambique		
Hope Chigudu	Uganda	Women's Rights Consultant The Gambia Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (GAMCOTRAP)	
Isatou Touray	Gambia		Grassroots activism against female genital mutilation For her blend of creativity, activism and advocacy around women's rights issues/vision in leading the creation of an African Gender Based Violence Institute For being an outstanding Minister of Health in Botswana and her work on African Human Development Issues
Jessica Horn	Uganda/UK	Independent Women's Rights Consultant	
Joy Phumaphi	Botswana	Human Development Activist Open Society Initiative for South Africa (OSISA)	
Joy Sisonke Msimang	South Africa		For her social activism and innovative leadership of OSISA Ensuring transitional justice mechanisms in post conflict African countries take account of women's experiences /Co-founding Urgent Action Fund-Africa
Kaari Murungi	Kenya	Lawyer/Co-Founder of Urgent Action Fund-Africa	
Kasha Jacqueline	Uganda	Freedom and Roam African Capacity Building Foundation	Stalwart activism for the rights of LGBTQI persons Supporting the renaissance of the African women's movement
Leah Chatta-Chipepa	Zambia		
Leymah Gbowee	Liberia	WIPSEN Women United Against Aids in Ghana	Role played in ending the Liberian civil war
Lucy Mensah	Ghana		Establishing the first HIV& AIDS women only support group
Mamphela Ramphele	South Africa	Academic/business	Contributions to the fields of social justice, academia and

		woman/activist	business
Members of the African Feminist Forum	Pan-Africa Democratic Republic of Congo	African Feminist Forum	For reinvigorating the African feminist movement on the continent
Muade Mukenge	Congo	Global Fund for Women	Dedication to improving the lives of women in the DRC
Muthoni Wanyeki	Kenya	Kenya Human Rights Commission	Dedication to the achievement of human rights for all in Kenya and beyond
Nawal El-Saddawi	Egypt	Writer/Activist	Decades of outstanding feminist activism, outstanding contributions to the subject of women in Islam
Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala	Nigeria	World Bank	For stalwart leadership of anti-corruption in Nigeria and contributions to the world of economics internationally
Norah Matovu Winyi	Uganda	FEMNET	For dynamic leadership and facilitating African women's networking at sub-regional, regional and international levels
Pregs Govender	South Africa	South Africa Human Rights Commission	For her work on human rights and courage in standing up against the ANC purchase of weapons
President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf	Liberia	President of Liberia	Being the first democratically elected African woman President
Professor Takyiwaah Manuh	Ghana	University of Ghana	Dynamic social activism and contributions to academia especially around women's rights
Prudence Mabele	South Africa	Positive Women's Network	Leadership, advocacy and commitment to supporting the HIV & AIDS movement
Regina Jere-Malanda	Zambia	Journalist	Highlighting issues of women's rights and social justice
Shalija Patel	Kenya	Poet/Activist	Fearless activism for women's human rights
Sokari Ekine	Nigeria	Black Looks	Utilising the power of blogging and new technology to promote the rights of women and LGBTQI persons
Solome Nakaweesi-Kimbugwe	Uganda	Activist	Providing outstanding feminist leadership within the Uganda women's movement
Sylvia Tamale	Uganda	Makerere University	Being the first woman to hold the Dean of Law position at

The founders and staff of AWDF	Pan African	African Women's Development Fund	Makerere University Establishing and effectively running the first Africa wide grant-maker
Vice President Joyce Banda	Malawi	Vice President of Malawi	For leadership in community activism and health
Wangari Maathai	Kenya	Greenbelt Movement	For commitment to environmental issues, social justice and being the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize
Wendy Pakour	South Africa	Sikhula Ssonke	Dedication to the cause of women farm workers through trade unionism
Women survivors of violence in DRC	DRC	DRC	Courage and determination in the face of crimes against humanity
Yaba Badoe	Ghana	Film Maker/Writer	Directing and producing 'The Witches of Gambaga' Documentary, a powerful visual account of the abuse, and exploitation of women accused of witchcraft
Yvonne Chaka Chaka	South Africa	Musician	Inspirational, internationally recognised musician and dedication to the rights of women and children