

## Communiqué

Preamble:

Women and representatives of organizations working for the development and support of women empowerment in the Savannah Regions of Ghana at a three-day workshop in Tamale on the theme: *“Strategic Workshop for the Political and Economic Empowerment of Women in the three Northern Regions”* organized by FOSDA funded by UNIFEM and supported by Ibis-Ghana.

Hereby resolve that:

- a) having observed the low participation of women in political leadership
- b) having observed the dwindling numbers of women in decision-making even after so much effort to increase their numbers
- c) having seen the need to strategize to effect a shift from the current trend and having constituted ourselves into “Savannah Women Empowerment Group, Ghana” otherwise known as SWEGG do hereby resolve on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009 through this communiqué to the Government of Ghana that:
  1. Affirmative action should be implemented to the letter
  2. Government and other social corporate institutions support women’s economic empowerment to take part in active politics
  3. Government takes the initiative to ensure that 50% of the 30% appointment to the MMDAs are women
  4. The current Government should fulfill its promise of appointing 40% of women to ministerial or leadership positions at all levels of governance
  5. Government should update and utilize the women’s directory (MOWAC) to identify women leaders for consideration for such positions
  6. Women should be well and visibly represented by at least 50% in the management of the Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA)
  7. Women should be well represented in the management of the Northern Development Fund (50% of core management)
  8. All international conventions and protocols concerning women and girls that Ghana is signatory to are effectively implemented

9. The Domestic Violence Act and other laws relating to women and girls are effectively implemented.

Signed on behalf of all members of SWEGG.

Dated: July 30, 2009

In the presence of Mrs. Afua B. Ansre (UNIFEM-Ghana), Professor Mansah Prah (University of Cape Coast), Mrs. Janet Mohammed (Ibis-Ghana) and Ms Afi Yakubu (FOSDA).

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