



FEMALE WAVE OF CHANGE GLOBAL CONFERENCE 2026

THEME

**“Empowering Generations to Elevate Humanity:
Unleash Your Potential through Authentic Feminine Leadership”**

17 - 18 September 2026

Hillpark Hotel, located on Lower Hill Road, Upper Hill Nairobi, Kenya

OUR MISSION

Creating a better world for all – a more connected, more conscious, more sustainable, and more humane world.

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Conference Program

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

Day 1 Narrative: From Theme Foundation to Authentic Feminine Leadership

Host/MCs:

MC: Mellany Msengezi

08:00 – 09:00

Registration & Welcome Experience

Arrival, badge collection, networking café, and welcome music by Kenyan artist

PART 1: OPENING THE GLOBAL THEME

09:00 - 09:35

Conference Opening Setting the Wave in Motion

Theme: Empowering Generations to Elevate Humanity

Moderator Welcome & House keeping: MC - Mellany Msengezi (Kenya/Zimbabwe)

Speakers:

FWOC Founder: Ingun Bol - de Bock (Netherlands), FWOC President: Tebello Mokheba (South Africa), FWOC Global Ambassador and Conference Chair: Jane Anyango (Kenya)

Opening Keynote:

Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro (Kenya): 'Lessons from Women's Global Leadership'

09:35 – 9:45

African Sunrise Performance / Poetry (10 mins) Sadaff Habib (Kenya)

09:45 - 10:25

Elevating Humanity What Does It Actually Mean? (Story Telling panel)

Theme: Human-Centred, Compassionate and Conscious Leadership

Intro + Moderator: Mellany Msengezi & Joy Grandos

Panel Speakers:

Dr. Juliah Chege (Kenya), Heleniq Argyrou (Cyprus), Josephine Ndirias (Kenya), Dr. Yasmeen Qazi (Pakistan)

10:25 – 10:50

Networking & Tea Break – Speak to 3 people and bring feedback

PART 2: AUTHENTIC FEMININE LEADERSHIP

10:50 - 11:30	Why Humanity Needs Feminine Leadership Now Theme: The Global Call for a Different Kind of Leadership Format: Vision Keynote + Fireside Conversations Vision Keynote + Moderator: Mellany Fireside talks: Mildred Ngesa (Kenya), Tebello Mokhema (South Africa), Dr. Celina Belmarce Pina (USA), Ruth de Wit - van der Ploeg (Netherlands / Kenya)
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PART 3: EMPOWERING GENERATIONS

11:30 - 12:20	Generations Rising - Building the Leadership Pipeline Across Time Theme: Intergenerational Collaboration, Mentorship and Legacy Format: Storytelling Circles and Cross-Generational Dialogue Introduction + Moderator: Ingun Bol - de Bock Panel Speakers: Bonnie Fatio (Switzerland / USA), Richard Waindi (Kenya), Jane Anyango (Kenya) , Wendy Aura (Kenya), Starcy Akinyi (Kenya)
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12:20 – 13:00	Mentoring Talks (4 Groups - one speaker per group) Bonnie Fatio , Richard Waindi , Jane Anyango & Starcy Akinyi & Wendy Aura
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13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch Curated lunch tables by leadership theme each table has a conversation prompt card
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PART 4: AUTHENTIC FEMININE LEADERSHIP

14:00 - 14:15	Theme - Beyond Grants Unlocking Sustainable Funding for African NGOs Speaker - Kia Croom (USA)
14:15 - 15:00	Leading from the Inside Out - The Power of Authentic Feminine Leadership Theme: Authenticity, Courage, Vulnerability and Purpose Format: Interactive Panel with Personal Stories + Audience Participation

	Intro + Moderator: Mellany Msengezi Panel: Dr Lumka Maneli (South Africa), Ingun Bol-de Bock (Netherlands), Mary Were Opot (Kenya), Maureen Kaderi (Kenya)
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15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Inspiration Break Live acoustic performance by a Kenyan woman musician followed by reflective journaling prompt for participants Kia Croom - Tea Blending Session
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15:30 - 16:15	Leadership in Every Room - Business, Government, Community, Family and Technology Theme: Expanding the Definition of Feminine Leadership Format: Lightning Talks + Facilitated Plenary Reflection Moderator: Mellany Msengezi Podium Speakers: 4 lightning talk leaders: one each from entrepreneurship, government, education, technology, community development, and family/social leadership Anorah Sibanda (Zimbabwe), Dr Juliah Chege (Kenya), Sadaff Habib (Kenya), Pauline Naphazi Matyanda (Zimbabwe), Polycom (young woman)
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16:15 – 16:30	Day 1 End - MC Round Up Announce tomorrow's outlook Dismissal
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DAY 2: FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

Day 2 Narrative: From Inspiration to Collective Action and Global Commitment

08:30 – 09:00	Morning Awakening Experience + Registration Guided mindfulness and movement session led by a wellness facilitator setting a grounded, purposeful tone for Day 2 Anita Adams (Canada) Helleniq Argyrou (Cyprus)
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09:00 – 09:15	Day 1 Recap & Intentions Brief plenary recap of Day 1 MC Mellany Msengezi
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PART 5: WELLNESS, HUMANITY AND INNER LEADERSHIP

09:15 - 10:15

The Sustainable Leader - Wellbeing as a Leadership Strategy

Theme: Mental, Physical and Spiritual Wellbeing for Leaders

Intro + Moderator: Mellany Msengezi

Panel Speakers:

Mildred Ngesa (Kenya), Dr. Celina Belmarce Pina (USA), Dr Lumka Maneli (South Africa), Heleniq Argyrou (Cyprus), Betty Anyango (Kenya), Anita Adams (Canada)

10:15 – 10:20

Energiser: The Joy Break

Inspirational dance experience facilitated by an African dance artist - the entire room moves together

PART 6: COLLABORATION ACROSS BORDERS

10:20 - 10:50

Borderless Impact - Collaboration, Diversity and Inclusion as Superpowers

Opening Keynote - Annette Kimitei (Kenya), Managing Director Senaca, KEPSA : 'Diversity in Unconventional Spaces'

Theme: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Global Partnership

Moderator: Mellany Msengezi

Panel:

Dr Nawal Tarazi (Switzerland/Jordan), Bonnie Fatio (Switzerland/USA) , Dr Yasmeen Qazi (Pakistan) , Joy Granados (Kenya)

10:50 – 11:15

Tea Break

PART 7: INNOVATION LAB - CO-CREATING THE FUTURE

11:15 - 11:55

Future Humanity Lab - Women Co-Creating Solutions

Theme: Leadership, Collaboration, Health, Youth Inclusion

Moderator: Lead Innovation Facilitator - Ingun Bol - de Bock
(supported by 4 lab facilitators)

Lab Leaders Group discussions:

- Lab 1: **Collaboration.** Building cross-border sisterhood: practical partnership models for women leaders to co-create impact across sectors and countries.

	• Lab 2: Leadership. Leading authentically in every room: turning feminine leadership values, courage, compassion, and vulnerability into everyday practice at work, home, and in public life. • Lab 3: Youth. Closing the generational gap: creating real mentorship pipelines that hand leadership, knowledge, and opportunity from experienced women to emerging ones. • Lab 4: Health. Wellbeing as leadership strategy: designing sustainable self-care and mental health practices that keep women leaders whole while they lead.
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11:55 – 12:30	Innovation Gallery Walk Labs present their big ideas on poster boards around the room. (30 mins) Participants browse and vote for their favorite breakthrough idea. (10mins)
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PART 8: THE GRAND CALL TO ACTION

12:30 - 13:00	Moderator: Mellany Msengezi 3 Speakers
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13:00 - 14:00	Impact Lunch - Sector Tables Themed lunch tables by sector: climate, health, education, entrepreneurship, technology, arts & culture. Each table co-creates one bold idea.
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PART 9: THE GRAND CALL TO ACTION

14:00 - 15:00	Rise as One - Our Commitment to Humanity Theme: Individual Action + Collective Power + Global Commitment Moderator: FWOC President + Conference Chair (co-facilitated) Keynote Speaker: Closing keynote speaker: 10 mins (Tebello)
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PART 10: CLOSING EPISODE

15:00 - 15:30	Closing Remarks Moderator: Conference MC Closing address - 5 mins Speakers: FWOC Founder : Ingun Bol-de Bock (Netherlands), FWOC President Tebello Mokheba (South Africa) , FWOC Global Ambassador and Conference Chair Jane Anyango (Kenya) MC: Announcement of Next Conference & Evening's dinner - 5mins
15:30 – 15:45	Closing Performance & Break A powerful musical storytelling performance by a Kenyan woman artist the final emotional note of the conference

EVENING DINNER - THE FEMININE WAVE CELEBRATION. ALL INVITED TO ATTEND.

Friday Evening | 17:00 – 20:00 | Nairobi

An African-Inspired Evening of Leadership, Culture and Purpose

The evening is designed as an immersive cultural experience that celebrates African feminine wisdom, honours leadership across generations, and creates deep human connection.

Dress code: Global Elegance - wear your continent with pride.

Program Highlights:

17:00 – 17:30 | Arrival, Welcome Drinks & African Art Experience
17:30 – 17:40 | Opening & Welcome
17:40 – 18:00 | Cultural Performance
18:00 – 19:00 | FWOC Leadership Awards Ceremony
19:00 – 19:45 | Dinner
19:45 – 20:00 | Closing Ceremony & Call to Action