



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 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) **Sadaf 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 Mwangi

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:

Dr. Celina Belmarce Pina (USA)

Ruth de Wit - van der Ploeg (Netherlands / Kenya)

Dr. Thandiwe Gama (SA)

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)

12:20 – 13:00

Mentoring Talks (4 Groups - one speaker per group)

Bonnie Fatio

Richard Waindi

Jane Anyango & Starcy Akinyi & Wendy Aura

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: Maureen Kaderi (Kenya) Mary Were Opot (Kenya) Dr Lumka Maneli (South Africa) Ingun Bol-de Bock (Netherlands)

15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Inspiration Break Live acoustic performance by a Kenyan woman musician 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) Sadaff Habib (Kenya) Pauline Naphazi Mutyanda (Zimbabwe) Dr Juliah Chege (Kenya)
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16:15 – 16:30	Day 1 End - MC Wrap 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 - 10:00	The Sustainable Leader - Wellbeing as a Leadership Strategy Theme: Mental, Physical and Spiritual Wellbeing for Leaders Intro + Moderator: Mellany Msengezi Panel Speakers: Dr. Celina Belmarce Pina (USA) Dr Lumka Maneli (South Africa) Heleniq Argyrou (Cyprus) Betty Anyango (Kenya) Anita Adams (Canada) Richard Waindi (Kenya)
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10:00 – 10:05	Energiser: The Joy Break Inspirational dance experience facilitated by an African dance artist - the entire room moves together
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PART 6: COLLABORATION ACROSS BORDERS

10:05 - 10:40	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: Tebello Mokhema (SA) Bonnie Fatio (Switzerland/USA) Dr Yasmeen Qazi (Pakistan) Joy Mwangi (Kenya)
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10:40 – 11:00	Tea Break (Explain Innovation Labs) Choose during Tea Break
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PART 7: INNOVATION LAB - CO-CREATING THE FUTURE

11:00 - 11:40	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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11:40	Innovation Gallery Walk
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	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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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 8: 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

14:30 - 15:00	Closing Remarks Moderator: Conference MC Closing address - 5 mins Speakers: FWOC Founder : Ingun Bol-de Bock (Netherlands) FWOC President Tebello Mokhema (South Africa) FWOC Global Ambassador and Conference Chair Jane Anyango (Kenya) MC: Announcement of Next Conference & Evening's dinner - 5mins
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15:00 – 15:15	Closing Performance A powerful musical storytelling performance by a Kenyan woman artist the final emotional note of the conference
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EVENING EXPERIENCE - THE FEMININE WAVE CELEBRATION

Thursday Evening | 17:00 – 20:00 | Hillpark Hotel - Garden Venue

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.

Programme Highlights:

- 17:00 – Welcome
- Dinner
- Leadership Awards
- Official Gratitude Ceremony
- Call to Action
- Announcement of FWOC Global Conference 2028
- 20:00 Close