

THE PROGRAMME – DAY 1 – 4 JULY 2018



**BUILDING & INVESTING IN OUR CAPACITY TO GROW  
SUMMIT, EXPO & GALA AWARDS CEREMONY**  
**Wednesday, 4 July & Thursday, 5 July 2018,**  
Labadi Beach Hotel, Accra Ghana

**PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE**

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>4 July 2018</b>	Opening Ceremony, Keynotes and Themed Roundtable Forum Sessions
<b>Eve</b>	<b>4 July 2018</b>	Cocktail Reception / Free Networking Evening For B2B Meetings
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>5 July 2018</b>	Visits & Leading Ladies Case Studies      8am start - Coach Trip
<b>Eve</b>	<b>5 July 2018</b>	Gala Awards Dinner Ceremony in celebration of 40 Roses Foundation 5 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

*\* This agenda may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.*

## DAY ONE

08:00-09:00	<b>Arrivals &amp; Registration</b>	
09:00-10:30	<b>The Opening Ceremony</b>	
		<p><b>MASTER OF CEREMONY:</b></p> <p><b>Mr Fiifi Drew-Baine,</b> Founder / Lead Strategist Drew Baine Group</p>
		<p><b>ROYAL COMPERE:</b></p> <p><b>HRH Princess Moradeun Adedoyin Solarin</b> Pan African Royal, Official Spokesperson &amp; Chair, Board of Trustees Girl Child Network Worldwide</p>
		<p><b>PURPOSE &amp; INTRODUCTIONS BY GWESES CO-FOUNDERS</b></p> <p><b>Ms Penelope Jones-Mensah</b> Founder &amp; President, 40 Roses Foundation</p> <p><b>Dr (Mrs) Bola Olabisi FRSA</b> CEO, Global Women Inventors &amp; Innovators Network (GWIIN)</p>
		<p><b>OPENING ADDRESS</b></p> <p>THE GWESES PATRON <b>H.E. Amb. Rev. Dr. Mrs. Gifty Lamptey</b> Chief Executive Officer of the Sidalco Group of Companies</p> <p>THE GWIIN CHAIRMAN <b>Mr. Reginald Daniel Laryea</b> Managing Director of Media Majique &amp; Research Systems Limited</p> <p><b>MINISTERIAL ADDRESS</b> <b>Hon. Mrs Otiko Afisa Djaba</b> Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs, Ghana</p> <p><b>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER</b> <b>Dr. Jacinta Marie Higgs</b> Former Senator, Bahamas Government Director of the Department of Gender &amp; Family Affairs Ministry of Social Services, Bahamas President, Akhepran International Academy, Bahamas</p>
		<p><b>WARM WELCOME</b> <b>H.E. Mrs Rebecca Naa Okaikor Akufo-Addo</b> First Lady of Republic of Ghana</p>

		<p><b>SPECIAL ADDRESS BY THE GUESTS OF HONOURS</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Mrs Patricia Beneby Minnis,</b> First Lady of the Bahamas</p> <p><b>H.E. Mrs Fatima Jabbe Maada-Bio,</b> First Lady of Sierra Leone</p>
<b>10.30-11.00</b>	<b>B2B Networking &amp; Tea Break</b>	
<b>11.00 – 11.20</b>		<p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <i>Economic Emancipation for Africa</i></p> <p><b>HRH Princess Dr Debbie Bartlett</b> of the 'Ba Tribe' Bahamas, Founder, CEO Network Ltd, Nassau, The Bahamas</p>
<b>11.20 – 12.20</b>	<b>Plenary discussion session 1</b>	<p><b><i>Bridging the gaps &amp; women's economic &amp; social growth</i></b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Dr Yvonne Thompson CBE</b> Author, 7 Traits of Highly Successful Women on Boards, &amp; Founder WINTRADE -United Kingdom</p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <p><b>HRH Princess Eliane Hansen</b> of Brazil, CEO Maison BH, Luanda Angola</p> <p><b>Ms Mawuena Trebarh</b> Immediate Past CEO Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC)</p> <p><b>Ms Charlotte Kesson-Smith Osei</b> Immediate Past Chairperson, Electoral Commission of Ghana</p> <p><b>Ms Afua Asabea Asare.</b> CEO, The Ghana Export Promotion Authority</p> <p><b>Ms Lexy Owusu-Boahene</b> MD of LX HR Solutions, Ghana</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<b>12.20-12.30</b>		<p><b>SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:</b></p> <p>INNOVATION &amp; TECHNOLOGY; <i>The Buzz Or The Reality Of The 20<sup>th</sup> Century?</i> <b>Engr Obafemi Omokungbe,</b> Rector, Yaba College of Technology, Lagos, Nigeria</p>
<b>12.30-13.30</b>		

		<p>Chair: <b>Ms Penelope Jones-Mensah</b>          Founder &amp; President, 40 Roses Foundation</p> <p><b>PLENARY DISCUSSION SESSION 2</b></p> <p><i>Engaging men as allies in promoting women's economic and social empowerment</i></p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <p><b>Mr Mawuli Dake</b>          (Moremi Initiative for Women's Leadership in Africa)</p> <p><b>Sir Girmay Hale</b>, Pan Africanist and Gender Equality Campaigner</p> <p><b>Mr David Jones-Mensah</b>, Managing Director, Dominion International Petroleum Limited (DIPL), Ghana</p> <p><b>Dr. Nelson O Aluya</b>,          MD, Internal Medicine specialist in Newark, New Jersey, USA</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<b>13.30 - 14.15</b>	B2B Networking & Lunch Break	
<b>14.15 - 15.15</b>		<p><b>ROUNDTABLE FORUM</b></p> <p>The theme is <b>BUILDING &amp; INVESTING IN OUR CAPACITY TO GROW.</b></p> <p>One of the main priorities of the United Nations and the Commonwealth is undoubtedly the equality and empowerment of women and young girls.</p> <p>Equal access to education, health care, decent work and representation in political and economic decision-making processes is high on our agenda. Bearing in mind that the GWESES acts as a catalyst and a vehicle to promote and develop initiatives that empower and encourage investment for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world with a specific focus on the Pan-African Marketplace, we invite the views of all participants which will form the <b>GWESES 2018 Report</b> .</p> <p>The roundtable forum provides the opportunity to consider the relevant important issues and make recommendations on the way forward.</p>

<p><b>THINK2GROW</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Mrs Tokunbo Chiedu</b> CEO, Compass Global Business Services (Consulting) Nigeria</p> <p><b>POINT OF VIEWS</b> <b>Guest Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Nana Oye Lithur</b> Immediate Past Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection in Ghana.</p> <p><b>Ms Beatrice Mensah Tayui -</b> Owner – Cybele Energy Ltd</p> <p>With women’s organisations springing up every day, is there a real need to develop an executive think tank specifically for innovative women on key issues that provide opportunities and stimulate wider inclusiveness and the exchange of knowledge for social and economic growth or are we simply re-inventing the wheel? GWESES could lead on a Think-Tank primarily for the purpose of publishing opinion pieces on key matters relating to the social and economic empowerment of women specific to innovative measures necessary for changes.</p> <p>Which four top issues would you recommend should be the first to tackle and why must women play a more influential role in the development of the policies and practices that affect these issues?</p>	<p><b>EDUCATE2GROW</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Ms Coralie Laurretta Adderley</b>, MD, The Kidney Centre, Chairman, National Women’s Advisory Council, Bahamas</p> <p><b>POINT OF VIEWS</b> <b>Guest Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Yemisi Akindele</b> Founder High Achievers Academy Points of views United Kingdom</p> <p><b>H. E. Bishop Dr Melody Makore</b> of Zimbabwe, Southern Africa KCIC Ministries</p> <p><b>Ms Abla Dzifa Gomashia</b> Founder and Executive Director of Values For Life and Former Deputy Minister of Tourism Ghana</p> <p>Education has been shown to impact knowledge, increase economic growth, stability and provide a better quality of life.</p> <p>Is Africa doing enough to ensure that young girls and women are being educated in a relevant and meaningful manner. Is education reaching a level that inspires and leads to a fuller and happier life and are we really creating learned and knowledgeable individuals that would make relevant impact?</p> <p>Which four issues would you draw attention to and what new approaches would you recommend is necessary to ensure and inspire relevant learning ?</p>	<p><b>INVEST2GROW</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Mrs Madelein Mkun</b> President, Leading Women of Africa Founder &amp; Director: WEISED2020 South Africa</p> <p><b>POINT OF VIEWS</b> <b>Guest Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Yinka Fayomi</b> Founder, Foreign Investment Network (FIN) Magazine</p> <p><b>Ms Brenda Lee Russell</b>, Smith Russell &amp; Associates Corporate Services</p> <p>What are your thoughts for action regarding public and private sector collaboration with local, national and international partnership and investment opportunities?</p> <p>How can women be empowered to effectively manage risk factors and tap into finance, investment and banking opportunities?</p> <p>What would you like to see as an improvement to the current trend on investment opportunities especially from a woman’s view?</p>
<p><b>15.15 - 16.15</b></p>	<p><b>Continuation of the Roundtable Forum</b></p>	

<p><b>INNOV2GROW</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Mrs Olukemi Atijosan</b> Board Member, London Food Board, London Assembly, MD, Eagle Solutions Services Limited, London, United Kingdom</p> <p>POINT OF VIEWS <b>Guest Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Ms Israella Kafui Mansu</b> Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Mansuki Ghana Limited</p> <p>Women need to take on a more influential role in African led initiatives and innovations. This should have the potential to grow into relevant international initiatives that transcend boundaries. For instance, a key area of focus must be our ability to form public and private partnerships pertinent to transforming agriculture, healthcare or technology. The need to share best practices on agric-business to catalyse investments is one point of view. Necessity is the mother of ingenuity!</p> <p><b>What four innovative measures and issues would you recommend as the way forward ? Are they sustainable?</b></p>	<p><b>EDUCATE2GROW</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Ms Coralie Laretta Adderley</b>, MD, The Kidney Centre, Chairman, National Women’s Advisory Council, Bahamas</p> <p>POINT OF VIEWS <b>Guest Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Yemisi Akindele</b> Founder High Achievers Academy Points of views United Kingdom</p> <p><b>H. E. Bishop Dr Melody Makore</b> of Zimbabwe, Southern Africa KCIC Ministries</p> <p><b>Ms Abla Dzifa Gomashia</b> Founder and Executive Director of Values For Life and Former Deputy Minister of Tourism Ghana</p> <p>Education has been shown to impact knowledge, increase economic growth, stability and provide a better quality of life.</p> <p>Is Africa doing enough to ensure that young girls and women are being educated in a relevant and meaningful manner. Is education reaching a level that inspires and leads to a fuller and happier life and are we really creating learned and knowledgeable individuals that would make relevant impact?</p> <p><b>Which four issues would you draw attention to and what new approaches would you recommend is necessary to ensure and inspire relevant learning ?</b></p>	<p><b>LEAD2GROW</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Pastor Iwalola Owolabi FRSA</b>, Founder, Proud To Be Me, United Kingdom</p> <p>POINT OF VIEWS <b>Guest Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Lydia Ferguson</b>, Attorney at-Law, Owner Weight Watchers, Bahamas Franchise</p> <p>What is the current trend regarding women in leadership positions in your country? Is the confidence available to have interventive contributions on what matters. Are there any effective policies in place that assist with the development of leadership skills that help influence ministerial actions and help increase public confidence in the use of policy and the application of administration?</p> <p><b>What are your recommendations for the way forward?</b></p>

<b>16.15 - 17.00</b>	<b>Summary &amp; Conclusion</b>	

**7.00pm EVENING COCKTAIL RECEPTION – LABADI BEACH HOTEL**