

CONTRIBUTION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO BY HONORABLE MEMBER EKPOLI LENTI MARIE-LOUISE.

Mrs. the Representative of the President of the Senate of Nigeria,
Mr. the President of ASSECAA,
Mr. the Secretary General of ASSECAA
Distinguished Heads of the various delegations

Allow me, in my position as a Member of the Congolese Parliament to speak on behalf of all Congolese women and on my own name. Above all, we would like to thank the Organizing Committee of this meeting on the Role of Women in the Development of Modern Nationhood.

It is with great pleasure and interest that we agreed to respond to this invitation and to try wherever possible to make our modest contribution on the subject under consideration.

To refresh your mind, none of us knows that in ancient time, woman was regarded as a simple housewife, had no right to exert a particular function, and was not associated with management of the “RES PUBLICA “i.e. the management of public matter. Yet she could assert her competence, her assiduity and therefore, she could access to main positions.

In order to eradicate the injustice done to women and to recognize their rights on an equal level with men, an agreement was signed on the Political Rights of Women for ratification by the General Assembly Resolution 640 of the United Nations, Chapter VII of December 20, 1952, recognizing to everyone the right to take part in the conduct of public affairs of his country, either directly or through freely chosen representatives, and an access under equal conditions to public service in his/her country and desiring to grant to men and women equal enjoyment of public rights under the UN Charter and the provisions of the declaration Universal

Human Rights.

To return to our theme on the role of women in the development of modern nationhood.

That said, our discussion revolves around three points below:

1. The Opportunity and the woman's advantage in the development of modern nations;
2. Weakness of Women
3. Notices and consideration.

I. Opportunity and advantage

Premium edge, we must recognize that we are a potential essential given the vital role we play in the development of our different nations.

It is true that we women are building so far the potential unavoidable part of our significant involvement in the development sector of our respective countries.

You will agree with me that this claim is justified.

That's why we try to illustrate this assertion by citing as an indication of some women who have contributed and continue to contribute to the development of their respective nations, we quote:

Ms. Helen Johson of Liberia

Hillary Clinton United States

Ms. Condolisa U.S.

Ms. Ségolène Royal of France

Ms. Angela Merkel of Germany

Even we who stand before you for the briefing.

II. Regarding weaknesses

However, this opportunity has certain weaknesses, despite some progress has been made and continue to be conducted worldwide on the contribution of women to the development of the Modern Nation.

Unfortunately, the status of women was initially low and the statistics bear this out. The women in the world represent the vast majority of poor and illiterate. But they own only one percent of actual participation in the development of their nations, because they are largely excluded from the bulk, it is apparent that they occupy only two percent of space direction Executive.

III. Notices and consideration

In point on notice and consideration we say that the foundation that takes place today in Abuja, has a merit to educate women in two regions with the desire to participate in politics and occupy high positions in the Governments of our countries to contribute to decisions taken on national policies and their implementations.

Not only to provide women who are above but also to sensitize governments on the importance of providing women the opportunity for education and recognize the important role they can play in national development and in different sectors of a modern nation.

We end our discussion by stating that the role of women in development is both positive and negative.

On the positive side we will say that the role of women seems complementary with his involvement, competence, impartiality, transparency in managing public affairs.

For cons the other negative is that fewer women are taking up to its potential.

It will be easier to close bad this statement without reiterating our appreciation to the organizers of this meeting in case the Senate of the Federal Government of Nigeria for the opportunity he has given us while exhorting the women in two regions s' involved in fighting our common cause they say "Union is strength"

In light of the theme under consideration, we suggest the following:

- The establishment of a permanent structure in order to channel our

aspirations to international institutions

- That such foundations can be held at least once a year to allow women parliamentarians to exchange

- Let there be consistency in women

Thank you