



EVENT REPORT

Date of event:	Thursday 8 March 2018 AUCC Auditorium	Reporters name and contact details:	Priscilla Aninnwaa Oware Executive Director Centre for Active Citizenship and leadership Tel: + 233 -(0) 243838359 Email: info4cacl@gmail.com
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Name and Type of Event	Women Participation in Leadership International Women’s Day Celebration “Theme” PressforProgress Organized by: Centre for Active Citizenship and Leadership
Objectives	Discuss and understand challenges of Women Participation in Leadership
N° of participants	32
N° of Speakers	7

The day which brought together various Speakers from various fields of operations was well attended by young women who aspire to create change and achieve their dreams.

(1) Some of the key issues and challenges that were addressed in the event (1 paragraph)

The issues included: (1) Competing with men for equal leadership opportunities at community, regional and national levels (2) Collaborating and appreciating each other as women (3) Setting clear vision and goals that will have sustainable impact on women advancement (4) Society placing women second to men (5) Women being weak and vulnerable.

2) Key messages from speakers (maximum 5 bullet points)

There is the need for strong recognition of the benefits of women in leadership, often women have been mistaken to be the assistant or representative of a male dominated event or gathering. Recognition of women occupying certain position in both private and public positions has been met with miserections at national to local levels.

However, the last administration and our current president deserve commendation for given women key roles in their administration that not said a lot more can be done to place women at the top.

It about time women become role models to up and coming young women, issues bothering on women in leadership is multifaceted but despite the challenges, women must be given recognition for how far they have come recognize how far they have come. Society have always validated a women's position by having a man by her side. Women who have attained certain pinnacle in society have been called all sort of names for their achievement. That notwithstanding women can do more, women can achieve more when given the opportunity.

In some areas of discussion women were encourage to develop their talent, have a vision and identity, plan well before taking on any project or responsibility, women need not compete with men but rather be the best at what they do as women pay a pivotal role in society, when women are involve in leadership, gender diversity is good for business and the economy, when women are involved in all aspect of society we get a better outcome across all social and economic indicators.

Series of questions and concerns came up such that some women shy away from societal discuss due to their level of education and language of communication however if more attention could be taking to projects and programs that will involve the use of the local languages then we will be able to have all sectors of women in society harnessing their potential and it only through that the goal and vision to achieve gender parity will be achieved.

3) Conclusions by the Chair of the event (1 paragraph)

The advancements of women into political, organizational and community leadership is an issue which needs a lot of hard work especially from women, women need to prove themselves worthy of high level responsibilities which does not come on a silver platter, women need to be each other's support system in the fight against gender inequality, women need have to come together to achieve the SDG #5, a call for all women present to join CACL Active Women Network, which will be a platform to tell the success stories of women across the country.

Women were charges with a responsibility to create change and impact lives wherever they find themselves as that is a sure way to see the desired result of Women in Leadership.

4) (List of Speakers)

Executive Director Priscilla Aninnwaa oware

Speakers:

Ms. Josephine Nkrumah - Chairperson NCCE

Dr Koryeo Anim-Wright – President AUCC

Panelists:

- **Joyce Boadi Okyere**
- **Ruth Afoko Temis**
- **Philippa Nana Owusua Prempeh**
- **Priscilla Naa Akleh OkanteyB.**
- **Yaa Kyeraa Philis**