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Dr. Morant will lead the foundation's efforts to promote gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa.

Houston, TX June 30, 2023 - The AWHPI Global Foundation, a USA-based nonprofit organization with special consultative ECOSOC status from the United Nations, has announced the appointment of Dr. Brenda Morant to serve as Director of Equity Development of the **AFRICA 2-5-9 PROJECT INITIATIVE**. Her role will be focused on one of the critical SDG Goal 5 within the UN SDGs2030 that the foundation is working on. She will use her decades of experience to cultivate a robust program lineup on equality and access for women in sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr. Morant is a pioneer and trailblazer for the empowerment of women and girls. She is the Founder and President of the International Women's Think Tank (IWTT), a nonprofit organization that stimulates global awareness about concerns related to women and girls by promoting research,



critical thinking, and innovative solutions to critical issues. The IWTT is based in the USA and is one of a very few think tanks that focus on women and girls' issues, thus making it a pioneer and forerunner among think tanks. IWTT was honored by the Georgia State Senate with Senate Resolution 5 which commends the International Women's Think Tank for its work to empower women and girls.

Dr. Morant is also a recipient of The Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest national award issued by the President of the United States, to honor and recognize people who have made remarkable volunteer contributions to their communities, the nation, and the world. She is recognized as a thought leader, social entrepreneur, leadership capacity builder, consultant to SMEs to include female farmers on best practices for business development. She is passionate about her work to empower high school girls and stimulate awareness of world cultures.

Through collective action and working to reduce the gender gap, IWTT optimizes support for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of Equality and Technology. In alignment with this global mandate IWTT is building a Summit Community of thought leaders and influencers creating impact by advancing these goals. The annual Women's Empowerment Roundtable Summit is in partnership with organizations missioned to achieve gender equality through their support of education, advocacy, data insight, economic empowerment, and cutting-edge technology.



As the **Director of Equity Development** of the **AFRICA 2-5-9 PROJECT INITIATIVE**, Dr. Morant will oversee the foundation's programs and activities that aim to promote gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa. She will also collaborate with other partners and stakeholders to advance the foundation's mission to

bring health and healing to citizens in impoverished areas by providing quality health care services, education, advocacy, and research for African women and girls.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Morant join our team as the Director of Equity Development of the Africa 2-5-9 Project Initiative," said HRH Princess Dr. Moradeun Ogunlana, Founder and CEO of the African Women's Health Project International AWHPI GLOBAL FOUNDATION.

"She brings a wealth of experience, expertise, and passion to our foundation and our cause. We look forward to working with her to make a positive difference in the lives of women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa."

"I am honored and excited to be part of the AWHPI Global Foundation and the Africa 2-5-9 Project Initiative," said Dr. Morant. "I believe that empowering women and girls is essential for achieving sustainable development, peace, and prosperity in Africa and beyond. I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues at the foundation and our partners around the world to advance this noble goal."

For more information about the AWHPI Global Foundation and the Africa 2-5-9 Project Initiative, please visit www.awhpi.org www.africa259.com or contact +1 202-888-1145 (office) or +1 832-949-1072 (Mobile)



About AWHPI Global Foundation

The AWHPI Global Foundation is a USA-based nonprofit organization with special consultative ECOSOC status from the United Nations. The foundation's mission is to bring health and healing to citizens in impoverished areas by providing quality health care services, education, advocacy, and research for African women and girls. The foundation's

vision is to create a world where African women and girls have equal access to health care, education, economic opportunities, human rights, and dignity.

The foundation's flagship program is the Africa 2-5-9 Project Initiative, which aims to address the challenges and opportunities of strengthening Nigeria oil and gas security in a low-carbon global market through various themes such as creating a secure and sustainable oil and gas operations for advancing national economy by 2050, advancing Africa's energy access, security, and sustainability in a low-carbon global market, diversifying the continent's energy mix and building sustainable supply chains, leveraging U.S.-Africa partnerships and cooperation on clean energy technologies and innovation, promoting health and environmental benefits of renewable and low-carbon energy sources, and workforce development and training for people in the energy, oil and gas field.

The foundation also hosts the Africa 2-5-9 Energy Security Workshop, a conference that brings together stakeholders from various sectors and countries to discuss and explore the themes of the project initiative. The foundation is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Power Africa (PA), Africa Oil Week (AOW), Green Energy Africa Summit (GEAS), and other partners. For more information, please visit www.awhpi.org.

About AFRICA 2-5-9 PROJECT INITIATIVE



The **Africa 2-5-9 Project Initiative** is a visionary program that was launched at the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) in 2021 on the conclusion of COP-26 in Glasgow to address specific challenges on climate change action plans and the urgent need for infrastructure development for sub-Saharan Africa. The initiative is founded by HRH Princess Dr. Moradeun Ogunlana, who is also the founder of the AWHPI Global Foundation, a USA-based nonprofit organization with special consultative ECOSOC status from the United Nations. The foundation's mission is to bring

health and healing to citizens in impoverished areas by providing quality health care services, education, advocacy, and research for African women and girls. AWHPI Global Foundation is the umbrella organization that oversees the implementation of the Africa 2-5-9 project initiative.

The initiative aims to address the challenges and opportunities of strengthening Africa oil and gas security in a low-carbon global market through various themes such as creating a secure and sustainable oil and gas operations for advancing national economy by 2050, advancing Africa's energy access, security, and sustainability in a low-carbon global market, diversifying the continent's energy mix and building sustainable supply chains, leveraging U.S.-Africa partnerships and cooperation on clean energy technologies and innovation, promoting health and environmental benefits of renewable and low-carbon energy sources, and workforce development and training for people in the energy, oil and gas field.

The initiative also focuses on promoting gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa, as one of the critical SDG Goal 5 within the UN SDGs2030 that the foundation is working on.

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE AFRICA 2-5-9 PROJECT INITIATIVE BY AWHPI GLOBAL FOUNDATION:

VISION: To transform Africa into a prosperous, resilient, and sustainable continent by developing its infrastructure and addressing its climate change challenges, and create a prosperous, resilient, and inclusive Africa that is driven by its own citizens, harnesses its natural resources, leverages its strategic partnerships, and contributes to the global agenda for sustainable development.

MISSION: To mobilize resources, partnerships, and innovations to implement strategic projects that enhance Africa's infrastructure development and climate change action plans. To strengthen Africa's oil and gas security in a low-carbon global market and to promote gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa through innovative and sustainable solutions in energy, health, education, economic development, and environmental protection.

The project initiative aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To develop basic infrastructure such as roads, bridges, railways, ports, airports, power plants, water supply, sanitation, and telecommunications in sub-Saharan Africa.
- To promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy access and security in sub-Saharan Africa.
- To foster regional integration and cooperation among African countries to enhance trade, investment, and economic growth in sub-Saharan Africa.

- To empower women and youth as key drivers of social and economic development in sub-Saharan Africa.
- To create jobs and opportunities for millions of Africans through skills development, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

The Goals of the initiative include:

- To create a secure and sustainable oil and gas operations for advancing national economy by 2050, by enhancing the capacity, efficiency, and resilience of the energy sector in major oil producing sub-Saharan African countries, and by promoting the adoption of low-carbon technologies and practices.
- To advance Africa's energy access, security, and sustainability in a low-carbon global market, by increasing the availability and affordability of renewable and clean energy sources, improving the transmission and distribution infrastructure, expanding the regional integration and cooperation, and supporting the development of innovative energy solutions.
- To diversify the continent's energy mix and build sustainable supply chains, by fostering the growth and diversification of the non-oil sectors, such as agriculture, manufacturing, services, and digital economy, enhancing the value addition and competitiveness of African products and services, and strengthening the linkages between local producers and suppliers and regional and global markets.
- To leverage U.S.-Africa partnerships and cooperation on clean energy technologies and innovation, by facilitating the transfer of knowledge, skills, and resources between U.S. and African public and private actors, supporting the research and development of cutting-edge energy solutions, creating opportunities for trade and investment, and advancing the common goals of sustainable development.
- To promote health and environmental benefits of renewable and low-carbon energy sources, by reducing the greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from the energy sector, mitigating the impacts of climate change on human health and well-being, enhancing the resilience of communities and ecosystems to climate shocks and stresses, and supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change.
- To empower women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa, by ensuring their equal access to quality health care services, education, economic opportunities, human rights, and dignity, promoting their participation and leadership in all spheres of life, especially in the energy sector, addressing the root causes of gender inequality and discrimination, such as violence, harmful practices, and lack of legal protection, and advancing the SDG Goal 5 on gender equality.

What is SDG GOAL 5

SDG Goal 5 is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations in 2015. It concerns gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. It has nine targets and 14 indicators that cover various aspects of gender equality, such as ending discrimination, violence, and harmful practices against women and girls, ensuring their participation and leadership in all spheres of life, providing them with equal access to education, health, economic resources, and technology, and strengthening policies and legislation for gender equality.



How is SDG 5 relevant to Africa?

SDG 5 is relevant to Africa because gender equality and women’s empowerment are essential for achieving sustainable development, peace, and prosperity in the continent. According to the 2020 Africa Sustainable Development Report, Africa has made some progress on SDG 5, especially on reducing the prevalence of female genital mutilation and increasing women’s representation in national parliaments. However, the report also highlights the persistent challenges and gaps that hinder the full realization of gender equality and women’s rights in Africa, such as high rates of gender-based violence, child marriage, maternal mortality, unmet need for family planning, and gender disparities in education, health, economic opportunities, and decision-making.

The report also emphasizes the need for strategic acceleration and policy coherence to address the cross-cutting and interlinked nature of the SDGs and the objectives of the African Union’s Agenda 2063, which also envisions “an Africa where there is gender equality, where women and girls take their rightful place as drivers of Africa’s renaissance.”

The report suggests that Africa can leverage the opportunities offered by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the COVID-19 recovery efforts to advance gender equality and women’s empowerment in all spheres of life.

Core Values and Principles of AFRICA 2-5-9 PROJECT INITIATIVE:

- ✚ Human rights: The initiative respects and protects the inherent dignity and worth of every human being, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, gender, religion, or any other status. The initiative upholds the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international and regional human rights instruments and standards.
- ✚ Social justice: The initiative strives to promote a fair and equitable distribution of benefits and opportunities among all people, especially the marginalized and vulnerable groups. The initiative challenges and addresses the root causes of poverty, inequality, discrimination, and exclusion that hinder human development and well-being.
- ✚ Empowerment and advocacy: The initiative empowers and supports the people, especially women and girls, to exercise their agency, voice, and choice in all aspects of their lives. The initiative advocates for the recognition and realization of their rights, needs, interests, and aspirations at all levels of decision-making.
- ✚ Participatory Development: The initiative engages and involves the people, especially the local communities, as active partners and stakeholders in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the programs and activities. The initiative respects and values their knowledge, skills, experiences, and perspectives, and fosters a culture of dialogue, collaboration, and mutual learning.
- ✚ Gender equality: The initiative ensures that women and girls have equal access to quality health care services, education, economic opportunities, human rights, and dignity. The initiative promotes their participation and leadership in all spheres of life, especially in the energy sector. The initiative addresses the root causes of gender inequality and discrimination, such as violence, harmful practices, and lack of legal protection. The initiative advances the SDG Goal 5 on gender equality.
- ✚ Sustainability: The initiative adopts a holistic and integrated approach that balances the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of development. The initiative harnesses the natural resources of Africa in a responsible and efficient manner that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The initiative contributes to the global agenda for sustainable development and climate action.

The project initiative is guided by the principles of inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, sustainability, and excellence. It is supported by a team of experts, advisors, partners, and stakeholders from various sectors and backgrounds.

The project initiative is also seeking to establish partnerships and collaborations with various stakeholders, such as industry, government, community, and philanthropic

organizations, to support its objectives and activities. The project initiative is aligned with the World Bank's Africa Overview, which highlights the need for infrastructure development and climate change action plans in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as the African Union's Agenda 2063, which envisions a prosperous, integrated, and peaceful Africa by 2063.

The project initiative invites everyone from around the world who has the love for Africa to join the Friends of Africa campaign, an initiative of AWHPI that seeks to raise awareness and support for the project initiative. The project initiative believes that by working together, we can make Africa a better place for ourselves and future generations.

You can contact AWHPI Global Foundation through the following ways:



○ Visit their website at www.awhpi.org and www.africa259.com where you can find more information about their vision, mission, programs, events, and partners.

○ Send an email to awhpi@yahoo.com where you can inquire about their activities, projects, donations, and volunteer opportunities.

○ Follow them on LinkedIn at AFRICAN WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT INTERNATIONAL where you can see their latest updates, news, and achievements.

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