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INTRODUCTION TO PANELISTS

Victoria Idowu

Victoria Temitope Idowu is a seasoned broadcast journalist and a lawyer called to the Nigerian bar in 2012. In partnership with VTI on Channels TV, an international TV station in Nigeria, she developed stories on the plights of different working communities including women in transportation.

Bashiratu Kamal

Bashu is a feminist Organiser, Activist, Unionist, Development consultant and author. She has lead several Union campaigns on the provision of Child Care facilities, Maternity protection and eliminating violence and sexual harassment in the Workplace

Maya Tutton

‘Our streets Now ‘ Campaigner and Founder based in the United Kingdom along with her young sister Gemma to demand the right of women and girls to feel and be safe in public space.

Bosa Sebele

Bosa is an Attorney at Rendo &Co, Botswana and an activist and writer. She served as the Chairperson of the SRHR Africa Trust (SAT) Y outh Hub, working on advocacy around Child Marriages and Age of Consent laws. She now sits on the SRHR Africa Trust Country Advisory Committee for Botswana and serves as the Africa Regional Focal Point, for the United Nations Major Group for Children and Y outh (UNMGCY).
ABOUT AESHI

We are a law reform and social movement project focused on creating regional dialogue on the issue of sexual harassment for national impact.

Our members and partners come from across different parts of Africa including Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Cameroon, Egypt and Ethiopia. We also partner with organisations and institutions in Europe and the USA.

Focus areas:

1. A regional model law on sexual harassment for Africa.

2. Africa Book Project on Sexual Harassment and the law (1st Publication)

3. Hosting 1st regional conference on sexual harassment and the law.

To achieve this we have developed specific partnerships with media, workers organisations, female politicians, youth and lawyers/researchers and academics and activists.
We have plugged into the Flone Initiative Women and Transprot in Africa Conference because;

1. Public transport in Africa has inherent safety issues that impact women in a gender specific way.

EXAMPLES

- Greater risk of unwanted sexual physical advances due to closely packed transport especially where people are standing.
- Low wage earners such as domestic workers are more likely to experience multiple forms of discrimination and harassment because of socio-economic status and are more likely to use public transport.
- Pick up and drop off areas are usually poorly lit and poor infrastructure with inadequate or non-existent security.
- Public transport remains a male dominated industry thus increasing gender and sex based inequality.