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violence women face is directly linked to their inability to participate fully in the development process of their communities. That though women have been able to sally forth in life in an admirable fashion, society as a whole would benefit even more from women's full and unimpeded participation.

So MATCH supports women's groups who are working on structural change that, while improving not only their condition but their status in their societies, will bring about benefits for society as a whole. They are analyzing the structures and mentalities that deny women full access and equal participation in their society, and dismantling systems that are antiquated and objectionable in this modern age.

What these groups are really doing is to raise the level of the debate, from one of accusing the culprit to one providing an enabling environment that allows for



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{ a move from our traditional way of working { which is slow long- term but sustainable. Relief type of aid does not allow for follow-up and impact.

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nations ensure that through the establishment of monitoring mechanisms, constitutional provisions which protect and support women's rights and welfare of the people are adhered to; oral traditions be used to re-define existing programs; democratic traditions be developed through formal and informal education with

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is needed to further transform Africa. MATCH, in partnership with the African Women's Fund is prepared to venture into this uncharted course.

## **African Feminist Initiative**



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rate entity spawned out of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). Forward looking African activist leaders such as Nkrumah, Azikiwe, Senghor and Nyerere together with some academics and heads of civil society groups conceived of this idea { foreseeing the need for an independent and impartial court serving the continent. The notion for its establishment preceded even the UN's Commission on Minority Rights

This debate was started in the late 1960s and early 1970s but the idea only came to fruition in 1986. Its Secretariat is in Banjul and it meets twice a year for 15 days each sitting. The recent meeting was held in Kigali, Rwanda and will end

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