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The International Museum of Women
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2010 Annual Benefit



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INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN ANNOUNCES BISI ADELEYE-FAYEMI WILL KEYNOTE AT “CELEBRATING CHANGE” 2010 EVENING BENEFIT ON APRIL 27TH

SAN FRANCISCO - The International Museum of Women has announced that Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi, Executive Director of the African Women’s Development Fund, will be the keynote speaker at its annual evening benefit on Tuesday April 27th at the City View, Westfield Metreon. The Museum is a global institution, headquartered in San Francisco, which engages a worldwide audience through award-winning online exhibitions. As a ‘virtual museum’, it uses technology and multi-media to educate, create dialogue and inspire action in support of women’s human rights. The Museum’s annual “Celebrating Change” Benefit showcases the organization’s work and celebrates global advances toward women’s equality.

Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi is Nigerian/British and is the Executive Director of the African Women’s Development Fund (AWDF), an Africa-wide grant making foundation supporting the women’s movement in Africa. Since it began grant making in 2001, AWDF has supported over 800 women’s rights organizations with over US\$13.4 million in grants.

Ms. Adeleye-Fayemi was previously the Director of Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMWA), an international development organization for African women. She has M.As in both History and Gender Studies, and experience as a journalist, writer, trainer, and organizational development specialist. During her time at AMWA, she conceptualized the African Women’s Leadership Institute which has helped train over 5,000 women leaders in Africa. She has served as a Board member and Trustee of organizations including the International Network of Women’s Funds, Comic Relief, *Realising Rights*, Resource Alliance and the Women’s Funding Network. She is also a past President of the Association for Women’s Rights in Development and the Co-Chair of the newly established African Grant makers Network.

Welcoming the announcement that Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi will speak at the museum’s annual Benefit, Clare Winterton, Executive Director of the International Museum of Women said; “We are thrilled that a leader of Bisi’s stature will be speaking at our annual benefit on April 27th. Bisi’s global commitment to women’s advancement and human rights fits perfectly with the Museum’s mission.”

“Celebrating Change” Evening Benefit

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