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Bineta Diop is a renowned African stateswoman, peacebuilder, and global advocate for women's rights. For over four decades, she has dedicated her life to advancing gender equality, human rights, and peace across Africa and beyond.

From 2014 to 2025, she served as the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security, a historic appointment that placed her at the forefront of efforts to institutionalize women's participation in the African Union's peace and security architecture. Through her leadership, she strengthened the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda at continental and national levels, ensuring women's inclusion in mediation, post-conflict recovery, and governance.

Mme Diop is the Founder and President of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), an international NGO established in 1996 in Geneva to promote women's leadership in conflict prevention, management, and resolution. Under her direction, FAS has supported women's networks in post-conflict countries, trained mediators, and influenced global and African policy frameworks on peace and gender equality.

She is also the Co-Convener of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), a joint initiative of the African Union Commission and the United Nations, aimed at strengthening the voice and influence of African women in leadership, governance, peace, and sustainable development.



Before founding FAS, Mme Diop worked for nearly twenty years at the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) in Geneva, promoting human rights and the rule of law worldwide. Her lifelong commitment has earned her global recognition, including being named among TIME 100 Most Influential People and receiving the Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur (France).

Today, Bineta Diop continues to mentor and inspire the next generation of African women and men, reaffirming her belief that sustainable peace and progress can only be achieved through inclusive leadership and shared responsibility.

