

Short Biography

H.E. Bineta Diop is the Founder and President of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), Co-Convener of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), and former Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security. A globally recognized advocate for women's rights, leadership, peace, and security, she brings over 40 years of experience in human rights, gender equality, and development, including nearly two decades with the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva.

Through FAS, established in 1996, she has led pioneering initiatives to strengthen African women's leadership in conflict prevention, mediation, and peacebuilding. She facilitated women's participation in major peace processes, including the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi (2000), the Sun City Agreement for the Democratic Republic of Congo (2002), and the Akosombo Peace Talks (2003). Her leadership has significantly contributed to shaping Africa's key gender equality frameworks, including the Maputo Protocol and the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa, and she played a central role in advancing the adoption of the African Union Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls in 2025.

Her global impact has earned her some of the world's most prestigious distinctions, including being named one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People (2011), the Prix Félix Houphouët-Boigny for the Search for Peace (2011), the French Legion of Honour (Chevalier, 2013), the Chirac Foundation Special Jury Prize for Conflict Prevention (2013), and multiple honorary doctorates.