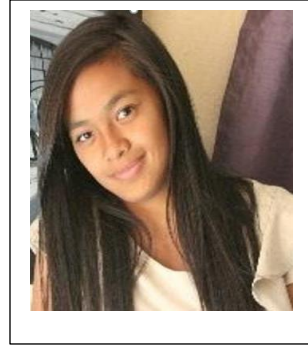


## Our Experiences attending the Generation Equality Forum – (Translated from the Original French)



**Sabrinah**



**Avorta**

We are delighted to share with you our experiences and feelings regarding the Forum which took place from July 30 to 2, 2021.

First of all, this forum was an opportunity for us to contribute to the Generation and Equality Forum. It was an amazing experience to be part of it.

We feel a sense of anger because we see at one glance the injustices suffered by girls in our country.

We are sometimes powerless in the face of this scourge which manifests itself in many forms.

We also had a feeling of sadness because even today, we are in the 21st century, and many girls are still deprived of their rights including the right to education.

We have found that they are most often excluded from society and suffer all forms of exploitation and violence.

### Webinar “Women with Disabilities Want to be Included”.

**Sabrinah:** People with disabilities are the most susceptible to violence and discrimination in society. A national and international policy and strategy to promote the inclusion of these people in vocational training programs is urgently needed. It is worth considering so that no one is left behind. It is essential to increase the training opportunities for them in companies, in society. Provide and facilitate educational upgrading for people with disabilities so that job seekers with disabilities acquire skills that meet the needs of employers.

**Avorta:** No to discrimination against people with disabilities, that their rights be respected. And that we help them to have an opportunity to be independent, so as not to be a burden on society. Offer their rights to education, the right to hygiene, to be treated, to be supported to exploit their talents, their potential. Women and men with disabilities make a valuable contribution to the world of work and the

national economy if they have the skills for jobs that meet their interests and abilities. It is important to provide and secure opportunities for people with disabilities to develop their skills and offer them better employment prospects for the benefit of the whole of society. Admission criteria for people with disabilities, teaching methods, teaching materials and assessment methods need to be reviewed and adapted.

**Sabrinah:** Equality between men and women and the empowerment of women are important issues to consider in African society, and in the world. The economy of a country grows if the skills of women are fully exploited in all fields. Women and girls have a big role to fight against poverty, contributing actively for the economic development of the world. They have the capacity to be a leader at all levels, able to make decisions.

**Avorta:** In addition, women should not only be subjected to indecent jobs. They are able to fully bring their potential. It is essential that women can enjoy their rights. The solidarity of African women is important for the achievement of common goals. Indeed, it is urgent for women to be able to live their freedom, to express, to choose and to advance in radical change to achieve the goal of gender equality.

In addition, the State must put in place a policy and a strategy of job creation for women.

### **Webinar “Africa Young Women United for the Decade of Action”**

**Sabrinah:** Through this webinar, we girl activists fight injustice in education; that it be equal for boys than for girls. The state must put in place strategies against literacy (education, training for all). The state must prioritize the fight against violence against women and girls and fight against gender inequality. We need a program to empower women and improve the safeguarding of their inheritance rights ...

**Avorta:** Girls are often excluded from many fields deemed inappropriate, such as science, communication, technology, due to social stereotypes. However, it is essential to encourage their contribution in these fields because they also have their place, their role. In addition, we must take into account not only education but also women's health and ban all forms of violence against them to allow lasting actions.

### **Webinar “The Centrality of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls in the Strengthening of Democratic Systems around the World”.**

**Sabrinah:** To promote democracy, it is necessary to centralize the contribution of women in this area. We must change or improve inclusion systems that neglect the rights of girls.

**Avorta:** Indeed, women often have only limited decision-making power. This has been noticed in several places and countries in relation to politics, economics, society and even within the household. It is then that we fight so that women can fulfill their duties as citizens on an equal footing with men.

### **Webinar “Feminist Youth Will Not be Left Behind”**

**Sabrinah:** We are actively engaged with girls around the world in this fight to achieve the goals of the Forum and that no one, especially feminist youth, will be left behind. No, including girls at all levels.

**Avorta:**Regarding the theme, It is a great challenge because it takes the change of mentality, point of view, policy and strategy that reinforces this non-existent inequality, to achieve this goal. It is necessary to respect human rights. We want to see inclusion in the action coalition

### **Webinar “Men Stepping Up to End Violence against Women”**

**Sabrinah:** Given this theme, men have a big role in stopping violence against women. Men must show their respect for women, stop male domination in several dimensions. Men should be aware that women have the right to equality.

**Avorta:** In addition, without women, sustainable development remains a challenge. In addition, men should take responsibility for women's rights and raise awareness in society. Moreover, without the involvement of women, it is impossible to achieve gender equality.

### **Webinar “Organizations and Foundations Financing Gender Equality**

**Sabrinah:** This fight is all it is important to fund the action coalitions. Indeed, we need the help of NGOs, stakeholders and civil society to remedy gender inequalities. They are viable and in the interests of women.

**Avorta:** It is essential to create strategic partnerships to support the implementation of the convention. In addition, there is also a need to build alliances with national and regional policy-making authorities.

### **Summary**

The three days that we lived were for us an unforgettable experience. It's a big opening for us. We were able to participate in several panels which opened our eyes to the reality of the world and especially to the reality of our country.

It is a great opportunity for us to know other realities on the situation of girls in other countries.

We are aware that we also have our share of responsibility in achieving the 2030 goals. We are convinced that education for all is essential. We are asking for meaningful inclusion at all levels. It is about building an inclusive education system for girls.

Yes, by uniting us with all the girls around the world. We want our voices to be heard.

It is our deepest and strongest cry. We want to make our society understand, in good time and in bad weather, that we exist, that we want to enjoy our rights.

This Forum gave us the opportunity to say out loud our aspirations for girls and it is an opportunity to be heard. We are actively engaged with girls around the world in this struggle to achieve the goals of the Forum.

We are also capable of making decisions.

This Forum gave us a lot of courage, renewed our hopes for a better future. We feel that we are not alone but in solidarity with all the militant girls.

It is our strength, our courage and our hope.

Let's go girls, let's continue our struggles, let's break our silences. " Unity is strength ".

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