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WISTA AT CRANS MONTANA AFRICAN FORUM



CRANS MONTANA AFRICAN FORUM- DAKHLA, MOROCCO
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The Crans Montana African Forum took place on a ship which sailed from Dakhla to Casablanca from 20-22 March, 2016

It was a very well organised forum, well represented by Ministers of State, former Presidents, Ambassadors, High level government officials, maritime transport experts, 1st ladies and a host of high profile individuals.

Well attended with representatives from Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and Asia. It was a good networking session.

CLUB OF PORTS

WISTA had the opportunity to speak as a panelist in the Session belonging to the Club of Ports. The intervention dwelt on WISTA International and detailed in to WISTA in Africa. The African perspective was taken further with Asmaa Benslimane, President of WISTA Morocco, making an intervention on what WISTA is doing in Morocco.

On the whole, it was well received, as the role of women in the maritime industry had been perfectly introduced.

South-South Co-operation

WISTA also had the opportunity to be part of the forum on Africa-South America co-operation, where we made interventions with regard to South-South co-operation and the fact that on the WISTA platform, one could actually co-operate with other WISTAs in Argentina, Panama, the Dominican Republic and others.

The intervention also dwelt on the fact that, though on Governmental levels, not much co-operation is going on between Africa and Latin America, as they hardly know each other. WISTA is a Platform where exchanges and business opportunities between members of the various NWAs do take place, as there are NWAs in these African and Latin American regions.

After this session, the Ambassador of Panama in Morocco was happy to know that there was a WISTA in Panama and that next year WISTA international conference will be held there. She was interested in connecting with the ladies in Panama. We also met up with another lady from El Salvador. Other panelists were from Ecuador, Argentina and the Canary Islands.

There were quite a number of African countries that attended including Senegal, South Africa, Congo, Guinea, Gabon, Liberia, Angola, Kenya, Ghana, just to mention a few and we had opportunity to talk to them about WISTA.

On the whole it encouraged me to know that WISTA can do more in these two regions on the sides of the South Atlantic Ocean, and also serve as platform for South-South cooperation.

Report by Naa Densua Aryeetey, who represented WISTA International.



Asmaa Benslimane, president of WISTA Morocco and Naa Densua Aryeetey, president of WISTA Ghana and ExCo member.

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It is formally recognized by and work with all major International Organizations, respected Governments, Business and Non-Governmental Organizations.

The Crans Montana Forum works to build a more Humane and Impartial World "Committed to a more Humane and Impartial World" and encourages international cooperation and overall growth. It also works to promote best practices and to ensure a permanent dialogue between all those who handle high-level responsibilities.

The first annual Crans Montana Forum, in 1990, was dedicated to political and economic reconstruction in a Europe then open in the aftermath of the Cold War. In 2016, unfortunately, this dimension will return to the agenda, due to an international situation that has only deteriorated. The yearly Crans Montana Forum meeting is a world-renowned and unavoidable event on the agenda of every decision-maker.

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