

Mrs Suzanne Mubarak, President of the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM), inaugurated Saturday 21/6/2008 a conference on women's accession to the African Union (AU), preparing for the AU's Summit, due in Sharm el-Sheikh late June.

The conference is designed to prepare a report on the status of women in the African Continent which will also be discussed at the three-day AU gathering.

The conference discussed ways of enabling women to access the African Union (AU), the political, economic and social empowerment of women, achieving the United Nations' eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and gender equality. Mrs Mubarak delivered the inaugural speech of the conference.

The conference is attended by representatives of civil society institutions concerned with women's affairs in Africa and the African Women Empowerment Guild (AWEG) along with a host of African ministers for women's affairs.