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SPEAKER BIO



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Dr. Mojisola Akinsanya is the Executive Director of Women for Peace and Gender Equality Initiative (WOPEGEE) in Nigeria. She is a seasoned Gender Analyst, Policy Advocate, and Process Consultant with over two decades of experience in development work. A professional Nutrition Extensionist, in-depth researcher, and trained conflict manager, Dr. Akinsanya brings a multidimensional approach to advancing gender equality and sustainable development.

She currently serves as the Ogun State Coordinator for the Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development (CSCSD) and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Transparency, Accountability & Participation (TAP) Network. Her work focuses on gender cross-cutting issues in governance, peacebuilding, health, education, and human security.

Dr. Akinsanya believes strongly that conflict prevention and peacebuilding are transformative tools for empowering women and girls economically. Her core mission is to inspire and mobilize women, men, boys, and girls to drive inclusive socio-economic and political development through a rights-based approach and the power of synergy.

She is a trained civilian expert of the African Standby Capacity for Peace Support Operations and has served as an international election observer with the African Union and The Carter Center, covering twelve African countries. She also contributed her expertise as a Gender and Inclusion Specialist with the United Nations Mission in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and Papua New Guinea.



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