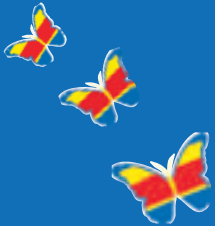




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“WOMEN AS PROTAGONISTS OF CIVIL SOCIETY OF SWAZILAND”

*From a Small Publishing Enterprise to a Monitoring Centre,
Human Rights Information, Art and Culture
as an Engine of Women’s Empowerment in Swaziland.*

House on Fire
Malkerns, 26th February 2016 - 9.30 a.m.

With the collaboration of the University of Swaziland (UNISWA)





Presentation of the results of the Minerva Project, supported by the European Union, and with the collaboration of UNISWA, aimed at training 28 of its best university female students and implemented by a team of professionals in journalism and publishing, experts on social and legal protection of Human Rights, on Access to Water, on Culture, on Art and Intercultural Dialogue. With the active participation of some prestigious and authoritative Swazi testimonials. A 182 hours training program, from July 2015 to February 2016, promoted and managed by Minerva with its more than thirty-years of experience, which transferred skills and values. From the organization of a Monitoring Centre on Women and Human Rights to the profession of journalism and publisher, to the production of a new monthly N.O Magazine entitled #WOMEN, developed by the students under the supervision of Minerva. Theory, practice, selection of arguments for a new publication, draft of journalistic articles, interviews and reports, verification of information sources, self confidence in public speaking. With an experience in rural areas, in contact with the poor and dignified people of the villages and an educational area for the production and selection of images: faces, landscapes, human atmosphere, simulating what is actually done in a small publishing house.

A training and living Project, in a fruitful meeting between Europe and Swaziland, on human rights and women's empowerment.

PROGRAMME

Speeches

Nicola Bellomo

European Union Ambassador to Swaziland

Cisco M. Magagula

Vice - Chancellor UNISWA

Pierluigi Severi

President of Minerva

Jiggs Thorne

Director - House on Fire

Speeches

Riccardo Severi

Project coordinator Minerva

Laura Guercio

Senior Researcher

Bheki Makhubu

Editor of "The Nation"

Mats Malqvist

Project manager Siphilile

H.E. Dr. Paul Dlamini, *Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland*

Certificate Award Ceremony for the Students

5 Laptop Prize delivering

**Presentation of the Magazine #WOMEN
and MONITORING CENTRE**

Coffee break

Lunch

Expressions of indigenous Art and Culture, traditional and modern:

*Music Event with the participation of the dance group **PELE PELE** and **NOMSA M.***

Photo Exhibition

*Coordinator: **Mbongeni Mbingo**, Programme Director "The Swazi Observer"*

*Press Office: **Francesca Ceci**, Journalist*

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