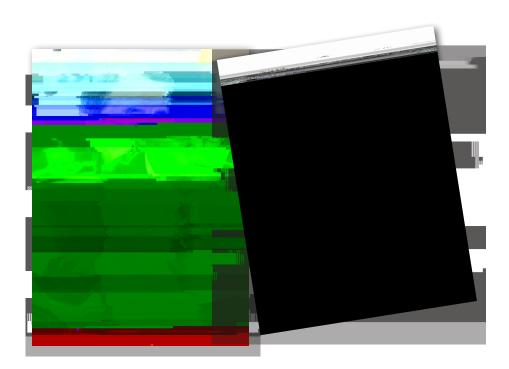


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On the Second International Day of Democracy, 15 September 2009, the United Nations Democracy Fund organized an event at UN Headquarters featuring a keynote speech by the Secretary-General, and a screening of <u>"Please Vote</u> <u>Hqt"Ogö</u> -- a documentary about a classroom election campaign in Wuhan, China.

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Femmes Africa Solidarité, FAS, serves as one of two civil society organizations on the UNDEF Advisory Board for 2009. Since it was created just over a decade ago by African women from a range of backgrounds, FAS has become widely respected for strengthening women's leadership, supporting and promoting women's initiatives in eqp łkev"rtgxgpvkqp." o cpc i g o gpv" and resolution, and advocating for African women's rights and concerns at all levels.

FAS is credited with several achievements, including playing a key role in the Burundi peace nego-

Executive Director, <u>Bineta Diop</u>, said "UNDEF's role in advancing women's

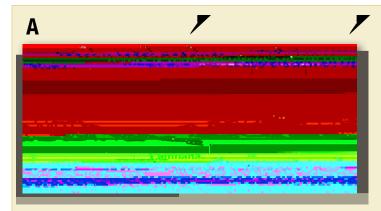
> right and empowerment in Africa cannot be under-estimated". Citing The Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Liberia and Sudan as examples, O tul"Fkqr"uckf<" "Over the years, UN-FGH" jcu"c o rnkŁgf" voices that propelled African women in to

leadership and decision-making roles, as well as democratization processes kp"dqvj"rquv/eqp1kev"cpf"eqp1kev/rtqpg" societies."

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Despite successes in education, women continue to be severely under-represented on Boards and Commissions in **H** EADING





Va General Assembly debate on the responsibility, Chile's Permanent Representative vq"vjg"WP."C o dcuuc fqt" J gtcnfq"Ow°q|." spoke of UNDEF as one of the mechanisms to be supported in building societies less at risk of the occurrence of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and ethnic engcpukpi0"C o dcuuc fqt"Ow°q|"uwdugswgpvn{" circulated an essay making the point.

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The <u>Spanish edition of Journal of Democracy</u> made its debut in July 2009. This UNDEF-funded annual publication is a collaboration between the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the

National Endowment for Democracy and the Institute of Political Science qh"vjg"RqpvkLecn"Ecvjqnke"Wpkxgtukv{" of Chile. It will feature articles from the Journal of Democracy of particular relevance to Latin America.

