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“THE FUTURE IS YOUNG AND FEMALE. THAT
IS WHY WE MUST INVEST IN GIRLS.”

– NYARADZAYI GUMBONZVANDA

GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS SUPERSTAR

Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda from Zimbabwe is a trained human rights lawyer with extensive experience in conflict resolution and mediation.

For more than 20 years, she has worked to advance women and children's human rights, with a special focus on crisis countries and addressing issues of violence against women, peace with justice and reproductive health. From 2007 to 2016, Nyaradzayi was the **General Secretary of the World YWCA**, a global movement of 25 million women and girls in over 120 countries.

Some of her recent achievements include work on the integration of gender equality issues in the peace processes for the Sudan, Somalia and Northern Uganda. She played a lead role in the International

Conference on the Great Lakes Region that resulted in the adoption of the Protocol on Sexual and Gender Based Violence as well as property rights for returnees.

She has been a **featured panelist and speaker** for organizations and universities including the Berkeley Center, The Women Deliver Global Conference and the United Methodist Women's Assembly, where she appeared alongside former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Nyaradzayi has contributed to publications including **The New York Times** and **The Huffington Post**. In 2014 she received the prestigious Zimbabwe Achievers Award. She is the African Union Goodwill Ambassador for Ending Child Marriage and Founder of Rozaria Memorial Trust.

Speaking Topics

- Integrating gender equality issues in peace processes
- Fighting discrimination against women and girls
- Conflict prevention, resolution and building peace
- Inter-generational, shared and transformative leadership
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for women and girls, including HIV treatment/prevention
- Ending modern forms of slavery, including human trafficking and child marriage

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