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Welcome Letter

It is my honor and privilege to warmly welcome you to Soroptimist International Future Africa Federation -SIFAF's fifth Biennial Conference on 16-19 April 2020 Sofitel Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan Cote D'Ivoire, the city with its beaches around the lagoons- otherwise known as "Pearl of the lagoons". With the current biennium theme "**Inspire, Lead and Transform**", and past biennium themes; *Brightening Lives Across Africa, Touching Lives Through Values and Heritage* the SIFAF 2020 Abidjan Conference presents an opportunity for members from across Africa, the Americas, Europe, Great Britain & Ireland, South West Pacific and all Soroptimists International territories to come together, meet friends, new and old, celebrate and to experience fun and friendship.

We are delighted the programme presents a wide range of speakers, workshops, plenaries and exhibitions on topics relevant to our dream to become Soroptimist International Africa Federation.

Under the exciting theme "**EMBRACE THE FUTURE, TRANSFORM LIVES**" the conference will explore future areas of our new federation such as: how does a new federation function; governance and organizational systems; growth and development of the new federation; member services; programme innovations for women and girls' empowerment on the road to gender equality; building strategic alliances and sustainable partnerships among other topics.

The conference will also convene its Members' fifth General Assembly as guided by the SI(F)AF Constitution to reflect on achievements, lessons and adopt resolutions that shape and strengthen the future of our new federation drawn from our historic journey to become Soroptimist International Africa Federation.

The Conference programme will not only present an excellent opportunity to learn and share experiences but will also be a perfect celebration time to usher the SI Africa Federation. ***This is if there will be an affirmative response to the SI Ballot of SIAF Clubs. This SI Ballot is scheduled soon after the Christmas and New Year holidays (1st week January 2020).***

The Task Force Fourth board 2018-2020, in partnership with the SIFAF 2020 Host Country Conference Organizing Committee, Soroptimists International, the two mother Federations SIGBI and SIE and other stakeholders, presents an extraordinary and truly memorable conference for everyone. Definitely something for every Soroptimist.

Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired by joining Soroptimists from all over Africa and beyond to update and enthuse yourself, to network, to enjoy the tours, opportunities and social events. To celebrate! **Save the date, REGISTER! Here (www.siafrica.org), here prepare your flight tickets, visas, travel bags** and don't forget to tell your club members and friends – this is going to be the best celebration ever for the global voice for women and girls in Africa.

Looking forward to meeting you in Abidjan in April 2020!

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