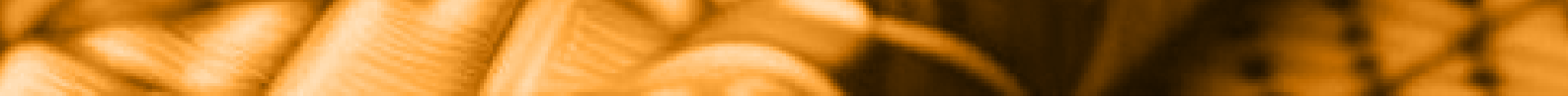


A photograph of two women in traditional African clothing. The woman on the left is seen from the back, wearing a red and blue patterned top. The woman on the right is in profile, wearing a yellow and green patterned top with a green collar and a green circular earring. They appear to be in conversation outdoors with green foliage in the background. A dark, semi-transparent banner with a circular pattern is overlaid at the bottom, containing the title and author information.

Thinking Legacy, Connecting Generations

(By Jacqueline Asimwe)



As we remembered the late Hon Joyce Mpanga, a beautiful idea came to mind during her funeral service. What if we held a high tea to celebrate her life and talk about what she meant to us and the women's movement? Hon Miria Matembe endorsed the idea and offered to host the event.

The event would serve two purposes- to remember the members of the women's movement who had passed away, and to bring the generations of the women's movement together in fellowship. In the meantime, the country unfortunately also lost the late great Hon Cecilia Ogwal. The urgency of hosting a remembrance ceremony was even higher now.

Our team at CivSource Africa and that at Femme Forte, headed by Penny Sanyu, collaborated to make this event a success. Both of our institutions run programs that support and link with the women's movement. Femme Forte is developing a virtual museum and CivSource Africa, through its nonprofit, CivLegacy Foundation curates a podcast of stories of elders and also hosts conversations of leaders in the women's movement.

The day itself was a beautiful blend of old and young. We celebrated the diversity and strength of women of all ages. From the 81-year-old Hon Rtd Justice Mary Maitum to the youngest attendee at just 19 years old, we were united in our commitment to advancing women's rights.

As each guest introduced themselves, they shared what they'd like to be remembered for. The themes and causes were diverse and inspiring. Hon Matembe, who gave the main message of the evening, spoke about the importance of intergenerational mentorship. She reminded us that we stand on the shoulders of giants, including the late Hon Joyce Mpanga and the late Hon Cecilia Ogwal and many others, and that it's our duty to continue their work and pass on the baton to the next generation.

The candle ceremony was a poignant moment, as we remembered the ancestors of our movement and stood between three worlds - the past, the present, and the future.

The charge given by Hon Matembe has stayed with me. Every day, I'm grateful for the women who fought for my freedom, and I'm committed to doing my best now and passing on the torch to those who come after me.

Let's honor the sacrifices of those who came before us and continue to advance justice and dignity through the generations.

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Four Candles

The first candle represents our grief
The pain of losing you is intense
It reminds us of the depth of our love for you

This second candle represents our courage
To confront our sorrow, To comfort each other
To change our lives

This third candle we light in your memory
For the times we laughed, The times we cried
The times we were angry with each other
The silly things you did, The caring and joy you gave us

This fourth candle we light for our love
We light this candle that your light will always shine
As we think of each day and share your
memory with our family and friends

We cherish the special place
in our hearts
that will always be
reserved for you

We thank you for the gift
your living brought
to each of us
We love you

We remember you

