

AkiDwa, the African and Migrant Women's Network,
in association with
Nasc, the Irish Immigrant Support Centre

Invites you to a seminar on

***Representation and Participation of Migrant Women:
Capacity Building Strategies***

Date: 17 September 2011
Time: 9.30am - 2pm
Venue: **Community and Social Enterprise Centre, No 8, North Mall, Cork**

While integration is always a challenge for ethnic minorities, the current economic climate has increased migrants' feelings of marginalisation and 'racialisation'. This is especially the case for asylum seekers in Ireland, who are segregated and not allowed to work or take up third level education, which often results in a sense of isolation.

Women migrants, regardless of their immigration status, face additional, gender-based obstacles to integration and equality. The obstacles can include: their migration status, their roles as mothers, gender-based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM), reproductive health issues and also their often overlooked marginalisation within migrant communities. However, despite the difficulties they face, migrant women in Ireland have shaped and continue to enrich Irish society.

This workshop, hosted collaboratively by *AkiDwa* and *Nasc*, forms a part of *AkiDwa's* 10th anniversary celebrations. It aims to bring together representatives from various sectors and migrant women themselves to discuss the capacity building strategies for migrant women at regional and national level.

Admission is free but booking is essential as places are limited. Please contact **Salome Mbugua** by email salome@akidwa.ie or phone 01 834 9851, or call **Claire McCarthy** at Nasc, on 021 4317411, or email clairemccarthy@nascireland.org.



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