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Women, Innovation and Enterprise take centre stage at Africa Gathering 2013

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London – June 5, 2013 – Celebrating five years of sharing positive ideas, Africa Gathering is back on 21-22 June. This year's theme is '**Hands-on technology: Rise of the makers, the dynamic and the disruptive thinkers in Africa**'.

Over two days, Africa Gathering, the conference for innovators, investors, and those with a passion for our continent to learn from Africa and Africans, will feature world-class speakers and roundtable sessions to cast a spotlight on change-makers, many of them women.

Former UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, has said: *"The next generation of Africans are determined to make a difference...I'm looking forward to the next 10-20 years and the dynamic Africa we're going to have"*.

That time has already begun, and according to co-founder and conference curator, Marieme Jamme, the event will "demonstrate how African innovators – especially women – are taking the lead in developing amazing local technological solutions". She added: "We also aim to demystify the relationship between investors and African entrepreneurs."

Hosted at BBC Broadcasting House, speakers will include **Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock**, UK leading Space Scientist, **Caroline Whaley** of the Nike Foundation, **Caroline Kende-Robb**, executive Director of the Africa Progress Panel, **Ken Banks**, founder of Frontline SMS, **Jamilia Abass** (Kenya) and **Vera Kwakofi**, Current Affairs Editor at BBC Africa. Tickets are £30, and early bird ticket sales end June 10, 2013.

Press Passes available for Bloggers and Journalists.

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Note to editors:

Africa Gathering London 2013 at glance
Friday June 21st 2013

Series of Roundtables

Day One: Roundtables on 'Women in Entrepreneurship and technology' and 'Investment in Innovation in Africa' – in partnership with [Venture Capital for Africa](#)

Day Two: Plenary sessions with presentations by a range of speakers showcasing their businesses, technology applications and ideas. Brainstorming sessions will also take place during the day to allow more informal interactions between attendees under our 'palaver tree'.

For more information go to: <http://africagathering2013london.eventbrite.com/>

Africa Gathering is a movement to see African ideas and innovations recognised, used and celebrated. Drawing inspiration from the African Baobab tree, where people traditionally gather to share knowledge, debate issues and learn from each other, African Gathering events – from London to Washington and Nairobi – bring together African change-makers and all those passionate about Africa's development. For more information visit: <http://www.africagathering.org/africa-gathering-is-about-sharing-ideas-for-positive-change/>

About the curator:

"Born in Senegal, Marième Jamme is a London based Chief Executive of a UK-based company [Spot One Global Solutions](#), that helps information technology organizations gain a foothold in emerging markets, blogger, social entrepreneur and technologist who works tirelessly to empower her fellow Africans through education, leadership and economic development. She was named one of Forbe's '20 youngest power women in Africa 2012', nominated by the guardian African community network as one of the African women to watch in 2013 and recently nominated as a Young Global Leader by the [World Economic Forum](#) in Davos.

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