

## *Grand Bassam Appeal for Peace by the Women Geoscientists African Association of Women in Geosciences*

- *Considering that Geosciences are interested in the knowledge and the sustainable management of natural resources and hazards;*
- *Considering that the geological resources in Africa are supposed to be a source of wealth for the African people, but are however, a source of different conflicts;*
- *Considering that instead of our limited number on the continent, women geoscientists are participating through education and scientific research to the socio-economic development of their nations;*
- *Considering that geoscientists have the potential to assist African governments in implementing major projects for sustainable development;*
- *Considering that there is no sustainable development without peace;*

*We, the participants to the 5th conference of the African Association of Women in Geosciences "AAWG" which was organised from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Grand Bassam under the theme « Women and Geosciences for Peace » unanimously:*

- *Encourage African women to be more involved in Geosciences ;*
  - *Agreed on the necessity of a sustainable peace on the continent in general and in Cote d'Ivoire in particular ;*
  - *Call the Cote d'Ivoire people and the other African countries to work through their activities and mediation, for the re-establishment of an urgent peace and harmony in a united Côte d'Ivoire, for a rapid socio-economic development.*
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