

NDI's delegation to the Women Deliver 2023 Conference in Kigali, Rwanda includes 13 representatives from seven different partner organizations Burkina Faso, Mexico, and Zambia. These partners are from NDI's program to strengthen women-led urban civil society organizations, sponsored by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. These delegates will join 6,000 people in Kigali and The conference will bring together 6,000 people in Kigali and 200,000+ people online as one of the largest multi-sectoral convenings to advance gender equality.

## ZAMBIA:



**Besa Mwansa**  
(Young Women in Action (YWA), Executive Director)

Besa Mwansa is the Executive Director at Young Women In Action (YWA). YWA is a not-for-profit, membership-based Non-Governmental Organization established in 2002 to provide an enabling environment in which young women in Zambia can contribute to national development and their own empowerment. As Executive Director, Besa provides oversight in the implementation of the various projects, including budget tracking; fundraising and networking; providing leadership for staff and members of YWA; representing the organization at regional, national, and international forums; and finalizing narrative and financial reports for partners and donors. Her hobbies include watching movies, taking walks, and reading.



**Bwalya Mukuka**  
(Young Women in Action (YWA), Senior Programme Officer)

Bwalya Mukuka has worked for Young Women in Action (YWA) as a Senior Program Officer for four years. She oversees the delivery of quality programs and leads social and behavioral change projects for young women and resource mobilization. Bwalya is passionate about gender justice and equity, women's empowerment, and human rights oriented interventions for ensuring just and equitable programs and policies.



**Mutetelenu Kalama**  
(Agents of Change Foundation (ACF), Co-Founder and Executive Director)

Mutetelenu Kalama is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Agents of Change Foundation (ACF), which focuses on empowering young people in basic media skills so they can advocate for social issues in their communities. She is an award winning activist who works closely with women and youth and is passionate about women's health and rights, governance, environmental sustainability, and youth leadership. She is adventurous, likes to travel, and enjoys reading books.



**Masuzyo Nyimbiri**  
(Agents for Change Foundation (ACF), Programs Officer Lead for Kitwe)

Masuzyo Nyimbiri is a Programs Officer Lead for Kitwe at Agents of Change Foundation Zambia. Masuzyo joined Agents of Change Foundation (ACF) Zambia in April 2018 as a youth reporter. She graduated from The University of Zambia in 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Development Studies with Public Administration. As a Lead Programs Officer, Masuzyo oversees the implementation of the Inclusive Governance project, "Claiming the Female Space" at the local level. She is particularly passionate about this project and seeing women empowered to take up key decision making positions. Masuzyo's hobbies include reading and research, baking, playing and watching soccer, making friends, listening to music, and sharing ideas.

## BURKINA FASO:



Mamouna Tamboura Sarba  
(Association les Colibris, ENG: President/FR: Présidente)

Mamouna is the president and founding member of Association les Colibris. Les Colibris works to give girls better living and study conditions. The organization is active in Réo in the Province of Sanguié. Her work is motivated by her own experiences and difficult situations that affected her life and studies. In order to give girls a chance to avoid the same difficulties that she experienced, Mamouna decided to create the "La part du colibri" accommodation center, from which the "Les Colibris" association was born. As president, she organizes educational chat sessions with the young female residents. Her greatest passion in everyday life is to protect the environment and take care of trees and animals. Her hobbies include singing and dancing.



Edwige Bationo  
(Association les Colibris, ENG: Representative of the Beneficiaries/FR: Membre Représentant)

Edwige is a student of Life and Earth Sciences at Norbert ZONGO University in Koudougou. An illness had previously forced her to pause her studies, but in 2017, she was able to continue with the support of Association les Colibris. Now, as a member of Colibris and representative of the beneficiaries of this association, she supports improving the living and studying conditions of each beneficiary. She also supports the development of the annual action plan and raises awareness among her peers on topics related to their sexuality. She is personally motivated by her work with Les Colibris to ensure that other girls are supported. In her spare time, Edwige loves to read and spend time at the ice cream parlor with her girlfriends.



Isabelle Baile Bouda

(Association pour la Lutte contre la Pauvreté en Milieu féminin (ALP/MF) TEEL TAABA, ENG: President/FR: Présidente)

Isabelle was the Municipal Councilor of Manga from 2000 to 2005 and Candidate for the legislative elections of 2016 and 2020. Currently, she is the President of Association pour la Lutte contre la Pauvreté en Milieu féminin (ALP/MF) TEEL TAABA based in Manga. The mission of ALP/MF is to promote the rights and improve the living conditions of women, girls, and vulnerable people in the South-Center region. Currently, ALP/MF's efforts focus on implementing activities to fight against female genital mutilation, capacity building for farmers on the practice of agroecology for the empowerment of women, and sexual and reproductive health education for schoolgirls ages 9 through 15.



Thérèse Kabore

(Association pour la Lutte contre la Pauvreté en Milieu féminin (ALP/MF) TEEL TAABA, ENG: Project Manager/FR: Chargée de Projet)

Thérèse oversees the activities of Association pour la Lutte contre la Pauvreté en Milieu féminin (ALP/MF) TEEL TAABA. The mission of ALP/MF is to promote the rights and improve the living conditions of women, girls, and vulnerable people in the South-Center region. Currently, ALP/MF's efforts focus on implementing activities to fight against female genital mutilation, capacity building for farmers on the practice of agroecology for the empowerment of women, and sexual and reproductive health education for schoolgirls ages 9 through 15.

## MEXICO:



Indira Andrea Rodriguez Rios  
(Centro de Estudios y Fortalecimiento comunitario Mano Vuelta A.C., ENG: Co-Director/SP: Co-Directora)

Since 2017, Indira has designed, implemented and coordinated training processes for educational personnel in the state of Oaxaca, as well as gender violence prevention programs at the state level, and participatory action research on Child, Early and Forced Marriages and Unions. Since 2019, Indira has been part of the Centro de Estudios y Fortalecimiento comunitario Mano Vuelta A.C. She is currently co-director of Mano Vuelta A.C., focusing her work in educational, community and clinical areas, including human rights advocacy, emotional and psycho-social support; the promotion of political participation of young indigenous and Afro-Mexican women, and the promotion of comprehensive sexuality education, based on gender-inclusive knowledge and anti-racist perspectives.



Dyadha Zuleima Herrera Morga  
(Centro de Estudios y Fortalecimiento comunitario Mano Vuelta A.C., ENG: Training and Outreach Coordinator/SP: Coordinadora del área de formación y difusión)

Dyadha is an Afro-Mexican woman originally from the coastal region of Oaxaca, Mexico. She actively supports her community and other indigenous and Afro-Mexican women on human rights issues and political participation. Dyadha also has experience addressing therapeutic care for women in situations of gender violence in rural communities in the state of Oaxaca.



Elizabeth Olvera Vásquez  
(Red de Abogadas Indígenas RAI A.C., ENG:  
General Coordinator/SP: Coordinadora  
General)

Elizabeth Olvera Vasquez is an indigenous lawyer and human rights defender who draws from an anti-racist, decolonialist and feminist approach. She aligns with the values and ethical principles of the Red de Abogadas Indígenas RAI A.C. She works with the firm conviction that we cannot turn our backs on justice, since without it, there is nothing left to fight for. At RAI A.C., she works for the search for justice and truth within the community and State justice systems. Elizabeth is a lover of poetry, history, and mezcal.



Magali Concepción Antonio Avendaño  
(Red de Abogadas Indígenas (RAI) A.C., ENG:  
Administrative Director/SP: Jefa del area de  
transparencia y administración)

Magali is originally from the municipality of Santa María Atzompa (Zapotec indigenous municipality in the state of Oaxaca) and studied law. She is a member of Red de Abogadas Indígenas RAI A.C. and serves as a RAI A.C. Administrator. She likes to follow cases related to the criminal world in order to understand what influences the behavior and minds of criminals who harm the physical and emotional integrity of women and children. She also follows criminal cases to gain a better vision about the world around her and how to find a solution to the overwhelming violence against us. She also loves cats and nature.



Aracely Carbajal Morales  
(Tequio Jurídico A.C., ENG: Executive  
Director/SP: Coordinadora general de veredas  
de trabajo)

Aracely is an Indigenous woman from the Chontal people of Oaxaca. Her experience with Tequio Juridico has focused on empowering indigenous women. At Tequio Juridico A.C. Aracely developed trainings for indigenous women on topics such as women's rights, territorial defense, political participation, women's community organizing, prevention of gender-based violence, and social and economic solidarity through Indigenous Women's Rights. Currently, Aracely oversees the coordination of Tequio Juridico's work, ensuring comprehensive support to all the departments that sustain their organizational efforts in assisting indigenous communities.