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Dear Tostan Friends and Supporters,

In October, I had the opportunity to speak at two major conferences: the launch of the [GSMA Development Fund's mWomen](#) program at the US Department of State and the [2010 Women's Conference](#) in California. Both gave me a chance to share Tostan's mission and experience on national stages and to contribute to international conversations about women's empowerment for social change.



Molly Melching, pictured center, with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Cherie Blair, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Melanne Verwee, and Rob Conway of the GSMA.

At the [mWomen conference](#), business, government, and NGO leaders spoke about closing the gender gap that separates women from mobile technology. I shared how Tostan's [Jokko Initiative](#) is bringing women greater independence and strengthening social connections--all while enhancing literacy and numeracy skills.

[Click here](#) to watch the opening remarks by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

At the Women's Conference, a gathering of influential international leaders, I was part of a panel discussion titled, "Overcoming the Unimaginable," during which I spoke about

Tostan's experience empowering communities to abandon [female genital cutting](#), a community-led result of Tostan's [Community Empowerment Program](#) (CEP).

Scroll down to read about other recent events at Tostan, in the US, Senegal, and Sweden! And thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,



Molly Melching
Executive Director, Tostan

Exciting Opportunity to Support Communities in Africa



2011 marks Tostan's 20th anniversary! To help us celebrate, one of our generous donors has created a challenge for us all: He will match up to \$250,000 of donations received during the year-end campaign. This means that your donation will be doubled and in turn will double the empowering results our

program brings to communities in Africa. Keep us in mind this holiday season; a donation in the name of a loved one might make the perfect gift!

[Click here](#) to learn more!

Tostan Volunteer in The Gambia Shares Excitement of Village Visit

Tostan volunteers in Africa have incredible experiences to share, including firsthand knowledge about life in the villages where



Tostan works. Katie Seward, a Tostan volunteer in The Gambia, blogs about her experiences visiting Mandinka villages where Tostan will soon implement its [Community Empowerment Program](#) (CEP).

[Click here](#) to read the first installment of her three-part travelogue!

Tostan Sweden Launches New Website

[Tostan Sweden](#), Tostan's partner organization that has supported our work in Africa



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since 2004, recently launched a new website. To date, Tostan Sweden has funded the CEP in 51 villages in Senegal and The Gambia, as well as the [Prison Project](#) in Senegal.

[Click here](#) for news and photos from Tostan Sweden's events and programs in Africa!

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