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female perspectives

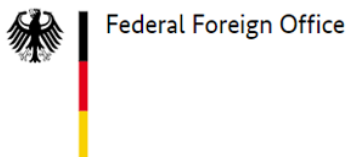
Female Soccer Empowerment Conference

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DISCOVER FOOTBALL CONFERENCE FEMALE SOCCER EMPOWERMENT List of Participants

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Name	Year of Birth	Nationality	Position in Football
Bachmann, Kat	1999	German	Coach, Player
Bejaoui, Ghada	1994	Tunisien	Coach
Bruno Kunath, Ayelen	1986	Argentinian	Coach
Chifodya, Amellia	1982	Zimbabwean	Coach
Ellis, Georgia Rae	1996	British	Coach, Player
Elyahmidi, Bahya	1957	Moroccan	Coach, Activist in Football NGO
Gamarra Tananta, Rina Gissela	1978	Peruvian	Activist in Football NGO
Kasaona, Uerikondjera	1986	Namibian	Coach, Player
Kaur, Rajinder	1996	Indian	Coach
Kazmi, Khadija	1991	Pakistani	Founder of Football NGO
Monzem, Samara	1991	Brazilian	Coach
Mosi, Monique Rochenda	1992	South African	Coach, Player
Noor, Khairan	1992	Kenyan	Sports Lawyer
Owino, Elizabeth	1986	Kenyan	Player, Activist in Football NGO
Salta, Aikaterini	1976	Greek	Founder/Manager of Football Club
Schlenker, Marisa	1983	American	Sports Consultant
Schögl, Lena	1995	Austrian	Player, Activist in Football NGO
Smyth, Praise Nyasha	1991	Zimbabwean	Player
Wong, Yeuk Ling Betty	1966	Hong Kong	Coach, Activist in Football NGO
Yusuf-Aromire, Ayisat Endurance	1985	Finnish	Coach

Kat Bachmann

Germany | Football Player; Coach for girls at „Seitenwechsel“

My name is Kat, I'm 20 years old. I grew up in Switzerland and South Germany and I started playing football at the age of 9 as the only girl in a boys' soccer team. Before I started playing in my current team, my coaches have oddly enough all been male, so I definitely see the urge of qualifying more women* all over the world to create a stronger female* representation in (women*) soccer. I recently finished my internship at Seitenwechsel e.V., an FLT*I* and Girls Sports Club located in Berlin. Within the framework of the internship, I started coaching girls (aged 8-12).

I'm looking forward to evolving my knowledge and skills as a coach as I see coaching as an empowering practice with a feminist political dimension.

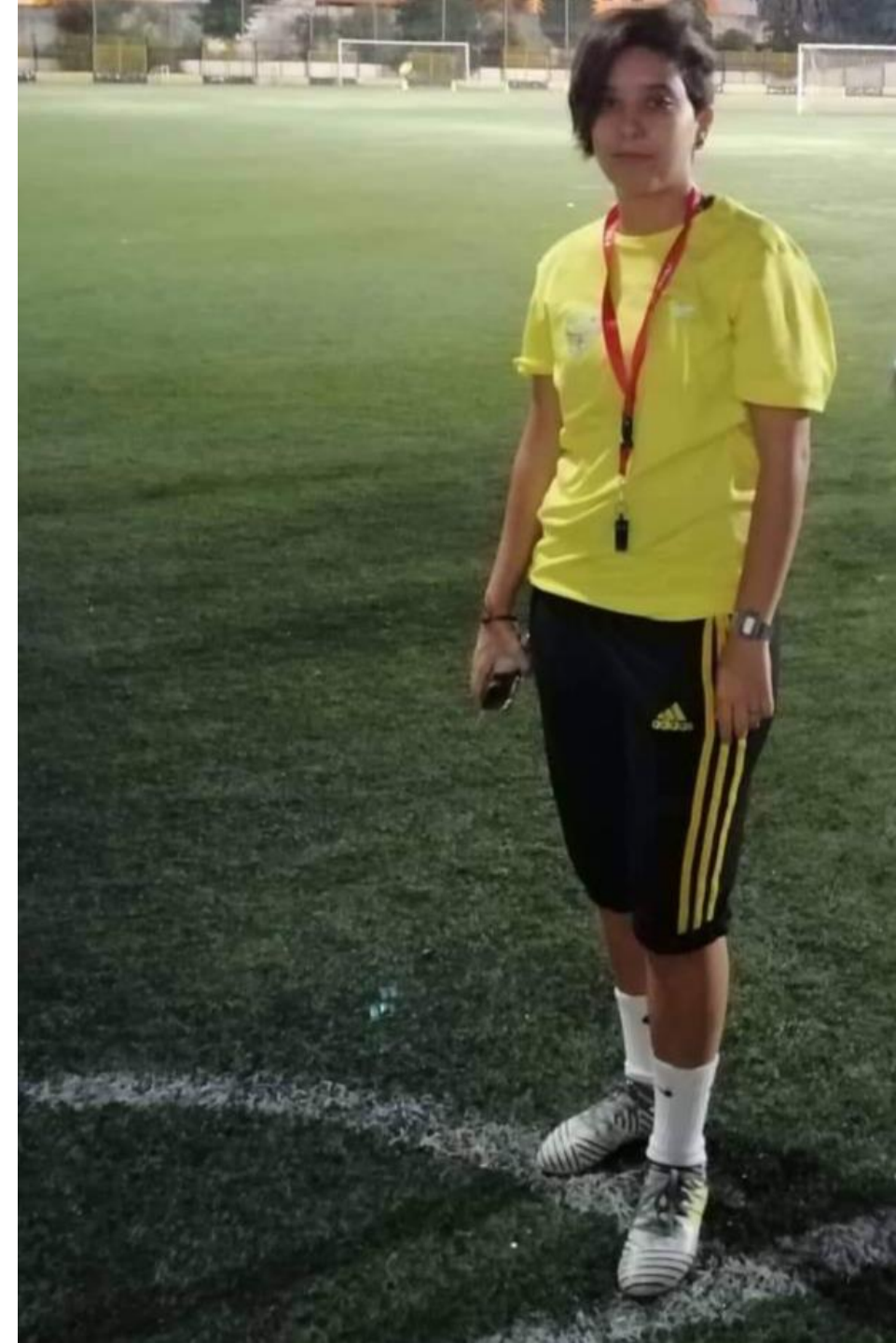


Ghada Bejaoui

Tunisia | Football Coach;
Founder of girls' football academy in Bizerte

I am 25 years old and just started my career as football coach. Since childhood, I used to play football on streets with boys and currently I belong to Bizerte Mini-Football, a football team of my hometown. I always had the dream to become a football player then a football coach someday to inspire women in my community to take more parts in the sports and to develop women's football in my country.

I am, of course, aware that I may face lots of difficulties to reach my goals since, football is always and specially in my country considered as male sport where women get lack of support. Nowadays, girls who currently play football, often quit the activity due to lack of encouragement, financial means and sponsorship. I want to reach my goals and as a coach to provide for the young generation the opportunity to build their career as professional football player and that's by setting up an academic training to develop their talents.



Ayelen Bruno Kunath

Argentina | Football Coach; Feminist NGO „Opening the Court“

I am part of "Opening the Court," a feminist and nonprofit organization, integrated of women linked to football, which aims to generate spaces that promote the exchange, reflection and promotion of female and dissident football. Our main work and territorial work is a soccer school for children in a vulnerable and deprived area of the city, we also offer free classes for adults who want to learn and participate in the game, breaking any type of prejudices related to sex, gender and Age, it is never too late to face new challenges, fulfill dreams and desires.

My tour in football began in childhood but entering adolescence I quitted playing, perhaps because there were no football spaces for women. Then at the Catholic University of Cordoba, while studying law, I began to be part of the team of that institution. In 2012 the Cordobesa Women's Soccer League was created and I decided to be part of it.

Today from the organization Opening the Court I continue fighting for a more equitable and equal football for all. What is my dream? That the fields are dyed feminist football, that is the way to achieve equality and equity.



Amellia Chifodya

Zimbabwe | Football Coach / Activist

I am a 37 years old woman and currently the Grassroot Soccer Zimbabwe Curriculum Development and Training Officer (CDTO) based in Bulawayo Zimbabwe. I'm a retired professional footballer and formerly played for the Zimbabwe Women's National Team and Bulawayo giants Highlanders Football Club as a midfielder. My dream was always to become a change maker in her community and inspire the girl child and change the mindset of the boy child to embrace gender equality through soccer.

After retiring from football I joined GRS and is living her dream. I'm training SKILLZ coaches from all over Zimbabwe to be agents of change in their communities. I've defied the odds to become a mother after being told that women that play soccer or sports cannot conceive and have children. I'm married and raising my eleven-year-old son Kunashe Lance. I want to sure that I teach my son to respect women and to become an advocate for gender equality.



Georgia Rae Ellis

England | Player at Republica Internationale FC & Yorkshire St- Pauli;
Women's Social Saturday Football Sessions

I am 23 years old, from London and just recently graduated from the University of Leeds in International Relations, where my dissertation explored the role of football in the lives of female refugees and asylum seekers. I played football with the boys at school and played for a team for one year before stopping at 11 years old, when girls and boys must play separately. Having no opportunity to continue with football due to a lack of girls teams, I fell into playing netball in which I experienced a rather toxic environment with little acceptance for diversity.

Upon beginning my career within the charity sector, I found Republica Internationale FC which is a socially conscious and inclusive football team in Leeds for both men and women. I have equally been involved in Yorkshire St Pauli's football for all initiative which welcomes individuals from all backgrounds to play non-competitive, mixed gender football and has a large number of refugee and migrant participants.

However, having found returning to football incredibly nerve-wracking after over 10 years and recognising the lack of women accessing football as beginners or returners, I am determined to provide alternative opportunities. After running an event in conjunction with Yorkshire St Pauli in 2018, supported by funding from FARE, I helped to start some Women's Social Saturday Football Sessions which are continuing to grow and develop. They provide a space for anyone who identifies as female or non-binary to have a non-competitive kick-about with others, allowing for beginners, returners and anyone in between to take part!



Bahya Elyahmidi

Morocco | Royal Moroccan Football Federation;
President of „Filles Amal Salé“

I am a member of the Women's Football Commission within the Royal Moroccan Football Federation. I'm also a member of the board of directors of the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces Sports Association, in which I'm responsible for the women's football team. This team has been crowned Moroccan champion 6 consecutive times and has won 7 throne cups.

Laureate of the Royal Sports Institute Moulay Rachid, I have practiced as a teacher of physical education for 33 years. I've been involved for more than 17 years in the promotion of women's football at school level as a coach and then responsible for the selection of the women's team in the city of Salé. I am also President of the Association (Filles Amal Salé) created in 2004 and within this framework have realized several projects in the field of the promotion of women's football in collaboration with State Organizations and Non Governmental Organizations.



Rina Gissela Gamarra Tananta

Peru | Co-founder of football NGO „DEPORTVIDA“

I've been involved in sports all my life, as a child I practiced volleyball and basketball that were the most common sports for a girl. Only in university did I discover that I could also play football, so much so that her good performance could help her obtain a scholarship.

For me, sport was an important aspect in my life, which is why in 2008 when I was proposed to be a co-founder of DEPORTVIDA, I would undoubtedly undertake this initiative. Since 2016, I've been the head of projects and it is from that position that I find the ideal space to promote football from a rights and non-discrimination approach, as it is still a sport listed for men. Through the project: "Playing for Equality" comes various actions to break the stereotypes and barriers that persist in her community, as they are the same ones that I had to face when playing soccer. Their main motivation is girls and young people can practice football or sport that they prefer on equal terms and free of stereotypes.



Uerikondjera Kasaona

Namibia | Coach of Namibia Women's National Football Team
Founder of Kasaona Football Academy

Since I was a little girl, I had a passion for football and always played amongst boys in my village. In the year 2007 I met a man that gave me guidance and introduced me to the Namibian Women Football Team (Brave Gladiators), I impressed the coaches and I was selected to be part of the team, I then moved to Windhoek and thanks to football I got the opportunity to complete a diploma in education at the teacher's college and later I did my advance certificate in Education.

In 2011 I became the captain of the Namibian women soccer team (Brave Gladiators) to date. Having gained all the necessary knowledge and exposure, my desire and love for coaching as well as being a role model and a teacher by profession, I saw the need to plough back into the community by establishing my own football academy. Kasaona Football Academy promotes healthy and active lifestyles for young boys and girls faced with economic and personal challenges. As a newly established academy, players will be provided with dedicated weekly, multi day practices and travel to play in tournaments throughout the country, ultimately allowing them to compete at the highest level.



Rajinder Kaur

India | Coach/Mentor in Youth Football Club; Sports for Development Project

I am 24 Years old and belong to Pasla community center. Youth Football Club deployed me as a Coach and Young Leader in Govt. Primary School since 2016.

I belong to middle class family. When I completed my 10+2 Class after that I started Diploma of Computer Application in YFC's computer center free of cost. My dream is to study in college but my family's economical condition was not good so I want to do something else. I started work as a Youth mentor in Govt primary school. I conducted S4D sessions with children on daily basis.

When I joined YFC then my family was not agreeing with my decision and also my community people had stereotype mind towards the girls. So, they did not allow to the girls go outside. people do not want to like girls play on ground. I convinced the parents for support their girls to play football. When I started community session on ground. Only 10 girls come for play football. But now I make two team of football, our girls' team get 3rd position in Baby league. I would like to give message to girls come to the ground.

"Never stop learning, be confident and live your life in your own way"



Khadija Kazmi

Pakistan | Co-founder of first women's football division in Pakistan
Sports for development consultancy

A footballer at heart, I first experienced the sport at her local middle school with the boys from my grade. A local scout invited me to play for the first female team in the city. Thus I began career as a football player. Longing for the training I never received as a player, I went on to realize that women's football was a challenge in Pakistan in terms of development and expertise.

In 2010, I co-founded the country's first Women's Division at a local men's club, and my career has since been reflective of an unwavering passion for bringing more women onto the pitch and developing women's football in Pakistan. My expertise spans from policy to programme design and I'm currently working with laying the foundations in sports in schools and starting her own organization that serves as a sport-for-development consultancy in Pakistan (Beyond the Pitch). Awarded Pakistan's female MVP in the local National Women's Championship in 2018, I'm also the country's first female to graduate from the FIFA Master's programme in International Sports Humanities, Management and Law.



Samara Monzem

Brazil | Futsal Coach; „Pelado Real“ (Soccer school for girls)

I am 28 years old. I already graduated in Physical Education and am now an under graduated student of Pedagogy at University of São Paulo. When I was in middle school, during P.E. classes, I was not allowed to play at the court because that was a place reserved only for the boys. The girls were supposed to stay outside the delimited lines of the court playing volleyball. When I got into University, I finally found a safe place where I started to play in a futsal female team. Five years later I began to work as a futsal coach with college teams.

I now train two male and one female futsal teams, am working at an official football school, and most proud of working in a soccer school formed only by girls, called Pelado Real. My hope is that girls will have enough opportunities to engage and fall in love with sports, especially with football. Breaking any barriers that might appear ahead of then.



Monique Rochenda Mosi

South Africa | Activist of „Swiftresponse“

My name is Monique Rochenda Mosi, I live in South Africa. I am 27 years old and a qualified teacher. In addition I am extremely active in the community through my NGO called Swiftresponse. We are a community empowerment Initiative through soccer. I am actively involved as a female coach for young boys and girls, also women. Our upcoming event is a Female Soccer World Cup, in September 2020. This event is to empower females from all across the world to fight for gender equality, women and children's rights. In addition this event is aimed to promote the female soccer to our community and world-wide.

I am passionate about this particular involvement because through soccer we empower, educate, train, motivate and fight for rights that are rightfully ours as female and child participants of our organization.

“Our aim is to raise quality leaders”



Khairan Noor

Kenya | Founder of Sports Legal KE

I am founder & CEO of Sports Legal KE (www.sportslegal.co.ke); a non-for profit sports organization whose vision is to create a just, vibrant, healthy, resilient and cohesive society through the engagement and use of sports. I'm an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb), Young Members Group (YMG) Steering Committee (CI Arb), and currently pursuing an LLM in International Sports Law and Practice.

I'm passionate about transparent and accountable governance, policy and management in the field of sports and physical activity (fitness and health). Determined to empower girls/women through the innovation of sporting platform initiatives that can develop their potential in sport as well as in their talent enhancement. My hope is to grow an organization that supports the sporting and physical activity experiences of the people of her nation, especially girls/women, youth in general and People Living with Disabilities (PLWDs) and enhancing/promoting the contribution of the power of sport to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Elizabeth Owino

Kenya | Football Player / Human Right Activist

I am 33 years old and I leaved in Mathare for more than 3 decades. I am a football player with my local team Sisi Nani. Almost all my team mates have retired from playing football since we do not get enough support from the men counterpart and biological issues like monthly period and giving birth. Our leagues in Kenya do not sponsor girls' team and this has made it difficult for most of women to keep up with their basic needs which are food, shelter and education.

I was lucky with my involvement with my peers where I got trained as a peer educator and later as a counsellor through a scholarship. I am now a grass root human right activist with Mathare Social Justice Center. I strongly advocate for a safe space for our girls in Mathare rescue women of sexual gender based violence, the lesbians amongst our female soccer players just to mention a few. During our tournaments and trainings I use sports skills to pass massages of life skills and reproductive health issues.



Aikaterini Salta

Greece | Manager of Sport for Protection Program;
Trainer at Sport Welcomes Refugees

I am a manager of Sport for Protection Program at the International Olympic Truce Centre. I studied Marketing in Athens and for the last 4 years I've worked in providing solidarity and support to refugee and migrant populations in Athens, Greece. I design and manage educational and recreational programs for adults and children focusing on sports. Among others. I've collaborated with Barcelona Foundation, Youri Djorkaeff Foundation, UEFA, UEFA Foundation for Children and UNICEF.

My most recent program is Hestia FC, the first refugee and migrant women football team in Greece. I'm also a certified Trainer of Trainers of the European Program Sport Welcomes Refugees.



Marisa Schlenker

United States | Football Player; Sport for Development

Playing football on more than 15 teams across four countries has taught me a thing or two about being a committed and responsible teammate and working effectively with others. After years of playing semi-professionally in the states and professionally in Sweden, I became involved in various sport for development projects, where I learned how sport, specifically football was being positioned as a tool to reach wider social outcomes, relating to gender equalities, social inclusion and conflict resolution.

I am currently finishing my masters in conflict management and political science at Konstanz University, while engaging in various football based projects at the EU level. I'm really looking forward to taking on a mentor role and working with my mentee to support her in reaching her football and non- football related goals.



Lena Schögl

Austria | Football Player; NGO „Kicken ohne Grenzen“

I am 24 years old and from Vienna, where I currently also live. At the moment, I am doing a master's program in Development Studies at the University of Vienna. Since my childhood I have played football, first with my brother at home but soon I became part of a football team where I was the only girl. Back then it was quite unusual for a girl to play football in a boys' team which meant that one needed a high ability to assertiveness and a strong will. At some point I stopped playing for that team and only started again a few years later playing for a women's team which was newly founded. Until now, as I play for a Viennese women's team, football is a constant companion in my life which brings me a lot of joy amongst other skills.

I am working for a football NGO called "Kicken ohne Grenzen" which uses the power of football to help young people from disadvantaged communities integrate sustainably and equitably into society. At work, again and again, I find it truly amazing to see how something as simple as football can bring as much power and self-confidence to young women (in our team mainly with refugee backgrounds). My wish for the future is that more and more girls and women get encouraged to play football and that it's not seen as a male's sport only!



Praise Nyasha Smyth

Zimbabwe | Football Player / Coach;
RAWO (Rise Above Women Organisation) Zimbabwe

I'm a passionate football player and have dedicated myself in the past 5 years to advocating for inclusion, non-discrimination of women and girls in sport. I'm currently playing for Midlands State University. I'm a qualified physical education and sports teacher and voluntarily coaching in primary schools, especially for minority children.

I have been running social media pages for sports, one of which is supporting women's soccer ("Superstar Magazine"), trying to increase visibility of women's football in Zimbabwe. I Just ended my term of office with Zimbabwe Tertiary Institutions Sports Union (ZTISU) as a student representative. Currently I'm working as an information and communications officer for a sexual minority group (RAWO Zimbabwe).



Yeuk Ling Betty Wong

Hong Kong | Women's Football Manager at Hong Kong Football Association

My football journey started from a girls' football training scheme in 1986. The next year I was selected as HK Women's National Team player. 12 years of being a national team player, I became more and more passionate about women's football. I kept on studying football from AFC C-license to A-license and got my AFC professional coaching diploma in 2013.

I have been a PE teacher for over 25 years, training and coaching in the club were part of my life. In 2012, Women's football was formally under HKFA umbrella under Project Phoenix and a new full-time post was created. The next year, I made my big decision to give up my teaching post and worked for HKFA as Women's football Manager. Being the lead in Hong Kong women's football, I need to focus all the work from grassroots to elite level.

I would like to see all girls have equal chance to play football and benefit from it. I would like to see more and more passionate female coaches or players come together to promote women's football. In addition, as one of the FIFA Female Leadership Development Program participant, I would also like to see more female representation sitting in football decision making position.



Ayisat Endurance Yusuf-Aromire

Finland | Football Coach; Founder of “SheFootball Initiative”

I enjoyed over 13 years of professional footballing career from 1996 to 2009. I’ve had over 68 caps for Nigeria and 108 international club appearances between 2004 and 2009. I played in several clubs both home and abroad in countries namely Nigeria, Finland and Sweden. I was an instrumental member of the Nigeria’s Super Falcons in China (FIFA World Cup) 2007, Algeria, South Africa and Nigeria 2007, 2004 & 2003 respectively.

I’m so passionate about Women’s Football and has contributed immensely to the growth of the game through empowerment of girls across Europe and Nigeria. I am a Board Member of UEFA FARE NETWORK (Fight Against Racism in Europe) and Founder, SheFootball Initiative for empowering Women footballers in Africa. An ex-Super Falcons versatile right-sided player I was one of Nigeria’s finest players in defense and midfield. My outspoken nature and love for diverse culture brand her an Ambassador in Women Empowerment.

