

Zero Draft PFPAD Member Alice A Nkom's Opening Remarks

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Before thanking and congratulating the new Bureau, I would like to thank the outgoing Bureau, the outgoing Bureau who it was my pleasure, my honour and privilege to be a Member of, as Vice Chair.

Because it was a very much a learning experience, great learning experience for me.

I was with brothers and sisters, people who had outstanding knowledge of the United Nations mechanisms, where I had never set foot before. I always worked for human rights at a domestic level, in Cameroon in particular.

For everything I learned, I want to thank them so much, for everything they did for me, they made me a new citizen, aware of her duties at the very highest level.

And, today, obviously, I congratulate the new team, that is including some of people who elected me; and who said to me, you represent Africa, you must be part of this first Bureau, and that is how I ended up there. And among them the new Chair, who I want to thank wholeheartedly, Mona, and all the others who have made me the experienced person, very armed for this struggle, the struggle for dignity and rights of people of African descent.

Thank You for all of that, and now I say, I congratulate the new team, made up of people who I am now used to, who have become my brothers and sisters with rich experience in the field; and I know that the first stone that we laid will be complimented and supported by several others until we reach the most noble goal given to us.

So congratulations to the new team.

Thank you very much, Madame Chair, for giving me the floor.