



Second Women's Leadership Series sparks conversation among UN Staff about challenges women face in the workplace

19 October, Windhoek: United Nations (UN) Namibia female staff members this month took part in the Second Women's leadership Series. In discussions led by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Namibia Representative, Dennia Gayle and award-winning business woman, Dr. Martha Namundjebo-Tilahun, the participants gave input into issues of gender equality and women's empowerment in the the workplace.

"If you believe in yourself and put in hard work, there will be nothing out of your reach," said Namundjebo-Tilahun, who is the United Africa Group Chairperson and winner of the African Women of Excellence Award by the African Union Commission and the Diaspora African Forum. She further reminded UN Namibia staff of the importance of personal branding and building a reputation of integrity.

After outlining some challenges she has faced in the workplace as a woman, Gayle said, "This leadership journey is one of mountains and valleys, highs and lows. Learn from what you've done wrong and turn it into your greatest opportunity."

"Shut out the noise, hold your head high and keep moving forward," Gayle said, saying that learning how to deal with conflict is key for success.

Staff members had the opportunity to ask questions, sparking discussion on how to overcome challenges in the workplace, reach a work-life balance and empower one another.