

**AKIDWA – THE AFRICAN AND MIGRANT WOMEN’S NETWORK IN
ASSOCIATION WITH THE MIGRANT NETWORK PROJECT, TRINITY COLLEGE
DUBLIN**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

Title: **African and migrant women between racialisation and agency**

Date: **September 14, 2011, 0900 - 1800**

Venue: **Lecture hall LB04 in the Lloyd Institute, Trinity College Dublin**
(please see map <http://www.tcd.ie/Maps/map.php>).

Admission: **Free, but registration is essential** (further registration details will be published).

In the current climate of recession, not only are migrants marginalised and often racialised, if they are asylum seekers, they are isolated and segregated, not allowed to work or take up third level education. Women migrants face particular gendered issues, in relation to their migration status, their mothering roles, but also in relation to specific issues such as gender-based violence, FGM, health and also their marginalisation within migrant communities. However, despite the difficulties they face, migrants in Ireland have played and continue to play a central role in their integration into Irish society.

This conference, collaboratively held by AkiDwA and the Migrant Networks Project, Trinity College Dublin, celebrates the tenth anniversary of AkiDwA – the African and Migrant Women’s Network. It aims to showcase both the problems faced by women migrants, but more crucially, the important contributions they make not only to their own communities, but also to Irish society.

This conference is not a conventional academic gathering but rather aims to combine the voices of women migrants themselves with studies – preferably conducted by women migrants – of their experiences of migration, settlement and organising in Ireland.

We are looking for proposals for papers, panels, and discussions. Please submit your proposal – no longer than 200 words – by email by 31 July to both Salome Mbugua, AkiDwA salome@akidwa.ie, and Elena Moreo, the Migrant Networks Project moreoe@tcd.ie.