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## **The Lecture Series**

The address by Dr. Florence Wambui Manguyu is the fifth in the International Lecture Series on Population Issues sponsored by the Population Program of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The lecture series addresses critical issues in population and development that the world will confront in coming years.

Concurrent with the lecture in Lagos, the Foundation announced its latest round of leadership grants in Nigeria, supporting individuals working on population issues. The grants were awarded through the Population Program's Fund for Leadership Development. The fund also supports work in Mexico, Brazil, and India.

The Fund for Leadership Development in Nigeria places significant emphasis on an appreciation of the country's cultural and religious diversity, and the recognition of diversity in its expectations of leadership. It encourages especially the emergence of female leadership.

## **Dr. Florence Wambui Manguyu**

A long-time advocate for women's and children's health, Dr. Florence Wambui Manguyu was a key participant in the 1994 United Nations International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo. She co-chaired the International Non-Governmental (NGO) Committee that organized the NGO Forum which ran concurrently with the official Cairo meeting. She was one of the keynote speakers at both the NGO Forum and the Intergovernmental conference, where she addressed issues of human development. She also played a leading role in the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, where she served as NGO regional

coordinator on health and as a member of the African Regional Organizing Committee.

Dr. Manguyu has been active in many other international forums related to women and children, including the World Health Organization's Global Commission on Women's Health. She is currently president of the Medical Women's International Association and is a founding member and past chairperson of the Kenya Medical Women's Association.

As a pediatrician in Nairobi, where she runs a private clinical practice, Dr. Manguyu has been a leading advocate for women's health and child survival and development. She was instrumental in drafting the nation's first comprehensive Children's Act, and she is a member of the national task force that reviews laws affecting women in Kenya. She is an active member of the Medical Practitioners' and Dentists' Board, among other organizations.

Dr. Manguyu has done extensive research on the treatment of asthma, intestinal parasites, and tropical diseases. She contributed to the book *AIDS in Africa*, and was on the editorial panel of the book *Women and Health*, produced by the UN/NGO Group on Women and Development. Dr. Manguyu has also written and presented numerous papers on women's and children's health at local and international conferences.

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