



# INVITATION

## OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE BLACK EUROPEAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL

**AFRA- International Center for Black Women's Perspectives** and **Tiye International**, in cooperation with the **European Economic and Social Committee** have the pleasure to invite you to the High Level Roundtable Discussion on the "Role of Black Women in an all inclusive Europe, challenges faced by Black Communities in Europe" and the closing reception marking the official launching of the Black European Women's Council- BEWC

on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30 pm - 5 pm**  
at the **premises of the European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels.**

**BEWC** is an international, non-profit body to represent the concerns, needs, interests and empowerment of Black European Women. The association will act as an initiator, creating a platform for dialogues with national, European and international institutions.

**BEWC** was founded at the "1<sup>st</sup> Black European Women's Congress" (September 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2007), initiated by Beatrice Achaleke (AFRA – International Center for Black Women's Perspectives, Austria, [www.blackwomenscenter.org](http://www.blackwomenscenter.org)) and co-organised by Tiye International, The Netherlands, in the framework of the European Year for Equal Opportunities for All. The 1st Black European Women's Congress brought together 100 Women from 16 EU-Members States, Switzerland and USA. More information about BEWC on [www.bewnet.eu](http://www.bewnet.eu)

Facilitated by **Brenda King**, President of the Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) the official launching of BEWC is taking place in the framework of the **European Year of Intercultural Dialogue**, also supported by MEP Christa Prets, Committee on the Rights of Women and Gender Equality of the European Parliament.

The launching of the BEWC is funded by Filia die frauenstiftung-Germany, European Programm for the Citizens and the Austrian Federal Chancellery, Ministry for Women.

We would be most glad to welcome you to this historical event. Registration form is available under [www.bewnet.eu/company/registration-form](http://www.bewnet.eu/company/registration-form).  
**Please register not later than August 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.**

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### AGENDA OF THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE BLACK EUROPEAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL -BEWC

<b>1 pm - 3.15 pm</b>	High Level Roundtable Discussion on "The Role of Black Women in an all inclusive Europe, challenges faced by Black Communities"
<b>3.15 pm - 3.30 pm</b>	Coffee break
<b>3.30 pm - 5 pm</b>	Official Launching
<b>6.30pm - 8.30 pm</b>	Reception
<b>8.30 pm</b>	End

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