THE FUTURE IS HERS

Equal rights means not being attacked, featuring Sibongile Ndashe

Sibongile Ndashe, founder and executive director of the Initiative for Strategic Litigation, is a South African attorney working to establish a network of lawyers across Africa who can identify and litigate gender and sexuality cases with the aim of establishing transformative precedent. This video transcript is part of the Future Is Hers multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers, supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[on-screen text: Sibongile Ndashe, Executive Director, Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa]

[A Black woman wearing a white dress with red embroidery, opens and closes a clapperboard and addresses the camera.]

SIBONGILE NDAHSE: The fact that my body, my person, is vulnerable at all times—I am worried about being attacked—it means that I am unequal. I’m not able to participate as a citizen in the same way that men actually participate. Equality, therefore, will have to mean that all of those barriers that do not make me feel like a full citizen are removed so that I can participate fully and enjoy all my human rights.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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