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My area of interest was Education. I am passionate about Education especially that of the girl child. My point is specific, the mother child - a child aged 9 or 10 tender age giving birth. When this happens, in most cases, she is rejected. School comes to an end. The unborn experience rejection in mother's womb. As a result of this, this child mother finds refuge in men who cheat on her and since she has no support, the chain of giving birth continues because she rely on these men for upkeep. Her life therefore becomes miserable and unbearable. This pains me a lot and my dream is to reach out to them, encourage them, walk the talk and of course touch their lives during my life time. I have carried out my research in my village and have identified the victims. My appeal to the government is to support them: - to form help groups. I am planning to write a report during August this year hoping people of good will support them. Just to help them stand and enlighten them to Walk. When this happens at grassroots level, I am sure it will spread. I have high hopes that my dream to uplift girl child especially mother child will come to fulfillment.

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I hope and pray that in my life time, I will touch life of mother child. They miss the opportunity to learn because of early pregnancy. I trust their lives will be upgraded if their talents are discovered and they are then taken to polytechnics. A good number of them can make wonderful salonists. I am hoping to take one to hair dressing school and then support her to begin a small business. My objective is by the end of May next year, I will have helped one mother child to live a dignified life. Please help me God.

I was glad to hear youth declare that they are not problem in the society anymore but part of solution. They touch the life of others by mentoring them and even recruiting them in their small businesses.

I was moved with the place of women in Trade. The truth is they are the stronghold of trade yet most of them are suppressed by their husbands. When they borrow loans to improve their businesses, their husbands often take their loans by force and leave them struggle to pay back. In addition, they lack basic knowledge on trade, computer skills etc. Women need empowerment.

I sincerely thank God and all people who made it possible for me to attend the conference.

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