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## **“STEPHANIE DELIVERS ON STAGE AT THE WOMEN IN THE WORLD SUMMIT IN NEW YORK CITY”**

**MIAMI, FL** -- On March 12<sup>th</sup>, Nollywood A List actress Stephanie Okereke joined Meryl Streep, Marcia Gay Harden, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Archie Panjabi, Julyana Soelistyo and Lauren Vélez for the Daily Beast's Women in the World summit that closed on Sunday March 14 in New York. It was an extraordinary three-day session in which some of the most powerful women on the planet met to discuss global challenges and propose solutions, in a stirring call to arms. Co-hosted by The Daily Beast, Vital Voices Global Partnership, Diane von Furstenberg, and the UN Foundation and attended by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton among others, the event took place at The Hudson Theatre, Millennium Broadway Hotel. 145 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10036. With over 350 global leaders in attendance, the event was a great success.

Stephanie was one of the seven acclaimed actors that dramatized the issues highlighted in the play SEVEN: a documentary play that tells the inspiring personal stories of women from seven countries, created by seven accomplished playwrights and inspired by conversations hosted by Vital Voices.

Stephanie Okereke read the role of Hafsat Abiola, human-rights activist and founder of Kudirat Initiative for Democracy. Meryl Streep read the role of Irish activist Inez McCormack (who, along with the other women whose stories are featured in the play, was at the summit). The other gifted actresses who participated in the play were Marcia Gay Harden (*Pollack*), Lauren Vélez (*Dexter*), Shohreh Aghdashloo (*The House of Sand and Fog*), Tony-nominated Julyana Soelistyo (*Golden Child*) and Archie Panjabi (*The Good Wife*).

*“It was an amazing experience. Seven women living in different countries but having similar experiences of oppression and horrible acts against them, and in the midst of all the oppression, they were able to use their discretion and femininity to bring massive change and voice to women’s plights in their regions. It was truly a life changing experience.”* – Stephanie Okereke

The three-day Women in the World summit brought together an extraordinary group of over 350 global leaders from government, media, social activism, business, and the arts. The conference highlighted the issues facing women in different parts of the world like forced marriages, domestic violence, child /sex slavery, Human trafficking rape, illiteracy, cultural prejudice, and many more. The Women in the World: Stories & Solutions Summit was supported by ExxonMobil, Bank of America, and Goldman Sachs’ 10,000 Women. For more on the Women in the World Summit please log on to [www.thedailybeast.com](http://www.thedailybeast.com) .

Stephanie continues to be a major part of the perception the world has of Nollywood. Her participation in this event was a true representation of her passion to community service around the world. For more information on Stephanie Okereke please visit [www.stephanieokereke.net](http://www.stephanieokereke.net)

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