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**STEPHANIE OKEREKE SET TO SHARE THE STAGE WITH MERYL STREEP, HILLARY CLINTON AND FIVE OTHER EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN AT THE WOMEN IN THE WORLD: STORIES & SOLUTIONS CHARITY EVENT HOSTED BY DAILY BEAST IN NEW YORK CITY ON MARCH 12**

**MIAMI, FL** -- Stephanie Okereke will feature in the March 12th opening night play of *Seven* in New York. The three-day summit titled *Women in the World: Stories and Solutions*, co-hosted by The Daily Beast, Vital Voices Global Partnership, Diane von Furstenberg, and the UN Foundation will be attended by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton among others. Stephanie is one of the seven acclaimed actors that will dramatize the issues highlighted in the play: Meryl Streep heads the line-up, which includes Marcia Gay Harden, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Archie Panjabi, Julyana Soelistyo and Lauren Vélez. The reading is directed by celebrated Broadway director Julie Taymor in an evening made possible by HP.

Secretary Clinton will introduce an exclusive one-night reading at the Hudson Theatre of *SEVEN*, the documentary play created for Vital Voices Global Partnership to honor the courage of brave female activists from Afghanistan, Cambodia, Guatemala, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, and Russia. *SEVEN* is a collaboration by playwrights Paula Cizmar, Catherine Filloux, Gail Kriegel, Carol K. Mack, Ruth Margraff, Anna Deavere Smith, and Susan Yankowitz.

"The play powerfully portrays the transformative way that seven courageous women have changed their societies for the better – from peace-building, to fighting corruption to combating violence against women."- Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

"The most powerful thing about *SEVEN* is that it gets to the heart of some of the most critical issues facing our world today. It reminds us of the power of the human spirit to rise up when faced with adversity and as we rise...it reminds us that we have a responsibility to bring others along with us."- Alyse Nelson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Vital Voices Global Partnership

The three-day *Women in the World* summit will bring together an extraordinary group of 300 global leaders from government, media, social activism, business, and the arts. Topics will include human trafficking and modern slavery, the rise of rape as a tool of war, the ways new technologies can help empower women financially, and how traditions can be toppled in cultures that devalue women.

Summit participants include Valerie Jarrett, Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, Fatima Bhutto, Cherie Blair, Luis CdeBaca, Thomas L. Friedman, Edna Adan Ismail, Christine Lagarde, Molly Melching, Somaly Mam, Frances Townsend, and Zainab Salbi. Moderators include Christiane Amanpour, Mika Brzezinski, Katie Couric and Barbara Walters.

In addition to Technology Innovation Partner HP, *Women in the World: Stories & Solutions* is supported by ExxonMobil, Bank of America, and Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Women

Stephanie's participation in this event is a true representation of her passion for philanthropic works and her country. For more information on Stephanie Okereke please visit [www.stephanieokereke.net](http://www.stephanieokereke.net)

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