

# WOMEN AND DEMOCRACY



... I am a woman, and I am seeking for the land of Freedom ...

## Towards a better understanding

Months of consultation, planning and intensive training of facilitators culminated in the Transvaal region's **WOMEN AND DEMOCRACY** conference which took place near Rustenberg on 10-12 March. The conference was attended by some 80 women who were invited on the basis of the influential roles they play in their sphere of work, community or organisation or because of their specific experience of the disruption and sorrow caused by conditions existing in our country today. A detailed report of the conference will appear in the next issue of **Democracy In Action**.



... And she threw from her gladly the mantle of Ancient-received opinions ...



... And she listened intently ...



... and she said, "I hear a sound of feet ..."

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## Resolution

The following resolution was drawn up by one of the workshop groups at the conference and was unanimously accepted by all the delegates:

WE, THE DELEGATES OF THIS IDASA CONFERENCE, REAFFIRM OUR DEDICATION TO A NON-RACIAL SOUTH AFRICA AND RESOLVE TO WORK TOWARDS THIS END IN OUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE. WE SHALL, AS WOMEN, USE EVERY FORUM AND OPPORTUNITY TOWARDS FULFILLING THIS DEDICATION.



... a thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands, and they beat this way!



... They are the feet of those that shall follow you. Lead on!"



... And I dreamed I saw a land. And on the hills walked brave women ... hand in hand ... And they looked into each other's eyes, and they were not afraid ...



"When shall these things be?"

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Captions taken from *A Track To The Water's Edge*, *The Olive Schreiner Reader*, an extract of which was included in the resource package which conference delegates took away with them.



They are happening now!