

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 NDASHE: 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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