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**Expression of Condolences on the sad occasion of the death of
IFHE President Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI, Sudan (2016 – 2018)**

**Dr. Manal ALI ABDIN/ANDEAN, Director, Nutrition & Health Center for Training
& Research, Ahfad University for Women (AUW), Khartoum, Sudan:**

Dear distinguished colleagues,

On behalf of Ahfad University for Women family I would like to inform you of the sad and sudden death of our colleague Prof. Sidiga WASHI. She passed away today (October 3rd) in Addis Ababa while attending a Regional conference on Nutrition in Africa.

Prof. Sidiga will be greatly missed by her colleagues, students and all the people she touched their loves through her continuous work to improve the lives of others.

We extend our deepest condolences to you and all her colleagues in your esteemed organisation.

On behalf of AUW Family

Dr. Manal ABDIN/ANDEAN

**To
Mr. Gasim BADRI
President
Ahfad University for Women (AUF)
Khartoum, Sudan**

Mr. BADRI,

The Executive Committee of the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) and all members around the globe would like to send its deepest condolences on the passing of IFHE President Prof. Sidiga WASHI.

We were shocked by the news and are deeply saddened. We will remember her love and dedication for our federation and her outstanding professionalism and knowledge in the field of Home Economics. With gratitude, we look back on the overwhelming hospitality Prof. WASHI bestowed on us by hosting the IFHE Council in Khartoum in spring and the wonderful time we spent at AUW.

We will keep Prof. WASHI in mind as a very strong, intelligent and diplomatic woman, modest for herself and always looking after others' wellbeing. Her passing is a great loss for her family and all IFHE Members around the world.

Prof. WASHI has shown us her passion and enthusiasm in serving IFHE. Her sincere devotion and contribution to IFHE will remain in our memories forever.

Please accept our sincerest condolences.

The IFHE Executive Committee

A condolence letter was sent to Sidiga WASHI's family as well.

1. Condolences Former IFHE Presidents and IFHE Executive Committee (EC) Members:

Dr. Gertraud PICHLER, IFHE President of Honour, Austria:

Dear Director Dr. Manal ALI ABDIN/ANDEAN,
Dear President of the Ahfad University for Women!
Dear IFHE Friends!

I hardly can express my personal sadness about the passing away of our IFHE President Prof. Dr. Sigida WASHI – as situation which can hardly been accepted!

Our President of IFHE, as the first President of IFHE from the African Region, since we had been founded in 1908, she had put her personal and professional experience into her term of IFHE Period as President 2016 - 2020.



As a President of Honour of IFHE I could give her support as much as was possible, and the members of the Senior Advisory Committee were 100 % about her agenda and visions for IFHE.

Sigida had a outstanding personality and myself and others who had taken the courage to attend the IFHE Council Meeting in Sudan 2018 to support Sigida and IFHE to have an Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting was a big success and we who attended it could experienced the wonderful hospitality, the great organisation and the unique respect Sidiga had received by her Government, by her University and the colleagues.

We had a wonderful time. Myself and others of IFHE had been pleased to attend the Council Meeting by Sidiga WASHI.

I know Sidiga would have worked the next two years of her Presidency for IFHE and she would have enriched IFHE with her ideas, philosophy and engagement.

I just can say, involved with IFHE since 1976, IFHE and I have lost a wonderful person and leader.

I hope that her memory will strengthening IFHE development and friendship.

With sadness and respect,

Gertraud PICHLER
IFHE President of Honour

Prof. Dr. Geraldene HODELIN, IFHE President of Honour, Jamaica:

Colleagues,

This is very sad news indeed. I sent her message just after our congress 2020 planning meeting today! Our special best wishes to her family and to our own IFHE family and especially to our African colleagues. She will be missed. More to say later.

Geraldene HODELIN

Carol WARREN, IFHE President 2012 – 2016, Australia:

Dear all,

This news is shocking and so terribly sad. She will be missed by so many and we will always remember her commitment and dedication to her work and IFHE. Deepest sympathy to her family, colleagues and IFHE Friends.

Warmest regards to all at this very difficult and sad time.

Carol WARREN

Prof. Dr. Nancy GRANOVSKY, IFHE President of Honour, USA:

This is indeed so sad and shocking, a tremendous loss to IFHE and to her family, university and country. Your expression of sympathy to administrators of Ahfad University represent the thoughts of many of us as we learned of our dear President's passing. I was looking forward to seeing and working with her at the next IFHE Meeting in Trinidad and of course, in Atlanta for IFHE Congress 2020. We have lost her much too early in her life and in our IFHE.

In shared sorrow but much appreciation for her service and leadership,

Nancy GRANOVSKY

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth LEICHT-ECKARDT, IFHE Treasurer 2010 – 2018, Germany:

Dear Manal,

Thank you very much for your e-mail, which shocked us completely.

We were so happy to have Sidiga with us for the European Conference, she was so lively, you never would have thought that she could pass away so quickly.

We will keep Sidiga in mind as very friendly, intelligent, diplomatic, modest for herself and always looking after others' wellbeing. We will miss her extremely as president of IFHE. We will always remember the wonderful time we had with all of you in Khartoum in spring this year.

I do send my sincere condolences to all of you colleagues at Ahfad University and Sidiga's family.

Prof. Dr. Hester STEYN, IFHE Vice-President Region of Africa 2014 – 2018, South Africa:

Dear friends in the office team,

Thank you for the obituary note for Sidiga, she was a special leader and we all will sadly miss her as person as well as her wisdom. Please add my name to the other who send our condolences.

Prof. Dr. Gerda CASIMIR, IFHE Vice-President Region of Europe 2012 – 2016, Netherlands:

Dear all,

This is a shock indeed. Did you know she was ill, or was it all totally unexpected? Though not active in IFHE anymore, I still follow from the sideline what is happening in the organisation. I remember Sidiga as a cheerful, warm-hearted person. We will certainly miss her!

Kaija TURKKI, IFHE EC Member Region of Europe 2006 – 2010, Finland:

Dear IFHE Colleagues,

Thank you Gertraud for sharing your photos.

Sidiga has been one of the first international role-model and Home Economics leader for me over 30 years. Her character is so special and full of humble kindness for others. I miss her a lot and express my deepest condolences for her family and friends all the world.

2. Condolences IFHE Executive Committee:

Prof. Dr. Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT, IFHE President (Interim 2018 – 2020):

I would like to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Professor WASHI, to her colleagues, to the people of Sudan and of the IFHE Region of Africa. The passing of IFHE President Sidiga WASHI is a loss to the international community of Home Economists, but also a loss to me personally as I expected to have many more years learning from her gracious diplomacy and leadership.

I am grieved to be called upon to step into her place, knowing she cannot be replaced, but that in offering my best effort, I also honour her memory.

Dr. Christiane PAKULA, IFHE Treasurer General 2018 – 2022:

Dear colleagues,

I can hardly accept that Sidiga is not with us anymore. With great sadness I express my deepest sympathy to the colleagues at Ahfad University; my thoughts are with Sidiga's family. I am grateful for the time I was allowed to work with her in the Executive Committee. I will never forget her and the wonderful time she provided us in Khartoum.

Prof. Dr. Patricia MBAH, IFHE Vice-President Region of Africa, Nigeria:

This is a very very sad news for one to bear this night. Oh my God! What a loss!
Dear Annette PTASSEK (IFHE Executive Director),

“Africa mourns an Amazon”!

I am in a deep grieve of pain and sorrow and have not slept one bit since the sad news of Sidiga's death. Too painful to comprehend. I don't know how to explain this, other than God fortify and comfort us. It is a very terrible loss to IFHE Africa in particular and the World at Large. May her gentle soul rest in Perfect Peace and May perpetual light shine upon her. Amen. Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord. On behalf of IFHE Africa, help us spread this passage to all IFHE members please. Thank you!

Visiting Professor Dr. Yukiko KUDO, IFHE Vice-President Region of Asia, Japan:

Dear Colleagues,

This is such sad and shocking news.

She had just sent us very powerful message for improve our Quality of Life to the Asian member of Home Economics Association.

We have good memories of working with her.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to her and her family.

Franziska HONEGGER, IFHE Vice-President Region of Europe, Switzerland:

Dear Colleagues,

Sympathies to everyone on such sad news.

Kerry RENWICK, IFHE Vice-President Region of Pacific, Australia/Canada:

Dear Annette PTASSEK (IFHE Executive Director),

As you say sad news to share...

It is also a time to recognise and celebrate the contributions that Professor WASHI made, including those for Home Economics.

My condolences go out to her family and friends and hope that they are able to find some solace as they celebrate her life with joy and some tears.

Louise NEUFELDT, IFHE EC Member Region of the Americas, Canada:

Dear Colleagues: I am very sad to read this. My sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Sidiga's family and those who have worked with her. She will be missed very much.

Wee Leng SOO, IFHE EC Member Region of Asia, Malaysia:

Dear Distinguished Colleagues of IFHE,

Am so shocked and sad to read this e-mail early morning here. My deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to Professor Dr. Sidiga's family and those who have worked with her. She will be missed very much. RIP Prof.

Amanda MC CLOAT, IFHE EC Member Region of Europe, Ireland:

Good evening,

This is such sad and shocking news and a terrible loss for her dear family and friends. She will be very much missed by the IFHE and Home Economics community and I certainly have very fond memories of working with her. Sympathies to everyone on such sad news.

Annette PTASSEK, IFHE Executive Director:

Dear Dr. Manal,

I was shocked to receive your news yesterday and am still trying to come to terms with it. Having joined IFHE only recently, I can only grasp part of what Sidiga meant for the federation, her enormous commitment and the role model she was for so many. As one of our African members wrote: An Amazon passed away. I fondly remember the three days Sidiga and me spent in Bonn a few weeks ago and I am glad that I through all the sadness, this memory of her makes me smile.

What a loss, to her family and to her extended AUW family.
I extend my heartfelt condolences to all of you.

3. Condolences:

Audrey JONES-DRAYTON, IFHE Liaison Caribbean and CAHE Inc., Organiser/Hoster of the IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting and Home Economics Conference 2019 in Trinidad, Barbados:

Dear Dr. Manal,

I am in shock. I am in shock. I will connect with you later. My sincerest of condolences to you, your colleagues and her sorrowing relatives. Please give special regards to Sara. I would forever remember her kindness and gracious hospitality during my visit to Sudan earlier this year.

Please accept condolences on behalf of the President, Ms Pauline WHITEMAN, EC and members of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE) Inc. May God have mercy upon all of our souls and may her precious Rest In Peace. Amen.



Bev CARD, Co-Chair IFHE Congress 2020 Organising Committee, USA:
So sad. I'm glad she was doing something she loved.

Janine DUNCAN, Co-Chair IFHE Congress 2020 Organising Committee, USA:
I was so shocked to learn of Sidiga's death yesterday. Please know that I am thinking of you and Petra. As the IFHE Administrative Team, I know you worked closely with Sidiga, and feel her loss deeply.

Marie-Louise NWAFO-WANDJI, IFHE Liaison Cameroon and IFHE Liaison for the Francophone Members in Africa, ACESFCA Cameroon:
Hello,

From my sister Leena SAVISALO, I just heard about the biggest sad news for IFHE, and specifically for us (african members). What happen to Sidiga ??? Am I dreaming? Oooh God.

Marilyn WEBER, IFHE Liaison Canada:

Dear IFHE,

On behalf of IFHE Canada, I express our deep shock and sadness in the passing of our President, Sidiga WASHI. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and also the “IFHE Family” who will be greatly affected by her loss. She was a very courageous person to take on the challenges of our international organisation and hosting IFHE Council 2018 in Sudan, as our first president from the African Region. We hope to honour her memory in some fitting way. An obituary that we can share with the world will be expected soon.

With all our sympathy

PÄIVI MANTERE, IFHE Liaison Finland:

Dear IFHE Friends,

On behalf of FIN-IFHE we want to present our condolences for the lost. Our members are deeply sorry to hear this news.

Warm regards Päivi MANTERE and FIN-IFHE

Nishi SURANA, IFHE Liaison India:

I am shocked and deeply saddened by sudden demise of our beloved President Prof. Sidiga Washi.

I pray to almighty to give her family and IFHE Members strength to bare this irreparable loss.

May her Soul rest in eternal peace!

Suzanne PISCOPO, IFHE Liaison Malta:

What sad sad news. I too am in shock having just been speaking to her last month. She was a strong proponent and practitioner of what Home Economics stands for.

Prof. Dr. Mi Young SON, IFHE Liaison South Korea:

We express my sincere condolences. I am so mourning in sudden obscurity.

Mary W. COVINGTON, IFHE Representative at the UN in New York, USA:

I am sorry to hear the news. Are arrangements completed? I would like to send condolences to the family.

Mary MILLER, IFHE Representative at the UN in New York, USA:

With Sincere sympathy to Dr. WASHI Family.

Annemarie LÜDI, IFHE Representative in Geneva, Switzerland:

I have just read the sad news of Sidiga's death, I am shocked and can hardly believe it, she was so full of life in Osnabrück and told enthusiastically about her stay in Bonn end of August 2018.

Prof. Dr. Donna PENDERGAST, Editor IFHE E-Journal International Journal of Home Economics (IJHE) and Chair of the IFHE Council Committee Think Tank, Australia:

My sincere thanks for passing on this sad news. Like everyone I am shocked and very sad. We have a lost a colleague who was in full stride representing IFHE globally at the time of her unexpected passing and it will be vital we pay respect through a lasting legacy or tribute. I am confident our leadership team will take appropriate steps in this endeavour and offer my support in whatever way it might be of value.

Juanita MENDENHALL, Chair Council Committee Disaster Assistance Partnerships (DAP), USA:

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I can only echo the great sadness with which the news of the passing of our dear IFHE President, Professor Sigida WASHI is received by all of us. None of us is ever prepared for such unexpected news and the impact it has as we mourn her loss.

I appreciate the kindness and concern with which Dr. PICHLER has carried condolence from the Senior Advisory Committee to the President and colleagues at Ahfad University. We know Sigida will be greatly missed by all who knew and respected her so very much, all around the world.

With Appreciation for her Wonderful Leadership!

Leena SAVISALO, Chair of the IFHE Programme Committee Outreach to Central and Eastern European Countries, Participant of the IFHE Council Meeting 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan:

Dear Dr. Manal,

I am so shocked!

Accept my deep condolences to you all in Sudan to university and mostly to Sidigas family.

**IFHE Organisational and Individual Members in the five IFHE Regions:
Region of Africa (in alphabetic order):**

Associated Prof. Dr. Hala ABOELELA, IFHE Member Egypt:

I had read your sad news with great sorrow for our loss.

I send my deeply condolences for you and us and for her family.

Chinwe Christiana ANOWAI, IFHE Member Nigeria:

It is indeed a painful lost. May her soul rest in peace.

Satwantee (Sonee) GOOGOLYE, Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, Mauritius:

Dear All,

Please convey the sincere condolences of our Ministry as organisational member, to the bereaved family.

Dr. Elisabeth Chimezie IGBA, IFHE Member Nigeria:

May the Almighty God console the family and the entire IFHE Members.

Esther KANTIOK, IFHE Member Nigeria:

We are really sad missing Professor Sidiga. Indeed a vacuum has been created in IFHE. May God console all of us. Thank you for all your correspondences.

Asia KAPANDE, Tanzania Home Economics Association (TAHEA), Tanzania:
IFHE Office Team,

Sincerely I am very very Sad to hear the Sad News of Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI for sudden death. She was a close young sister to me personally. May the Almighty God rest her in the Entire Peace. AMEEM. A big Loss to me personally and the whole IFHE Family.

Dr. Enyonam Canice KUDONOO, President Ghana Home Economics Association (GHEA), Ghana:
Dear IFHE Office Team,

With a heavy heart, I write on my own behalf and that of the Ghana Home Economics Association to express our profound condolences to you and the family of Professor Sidiga WASHI. Indeed, the Home Economics fraternity has lost a great leader who is well accomplished. What can we say but to thank the LORD God Almighty for giving her to us and enabling her leave a legacy for us to emulate. She has left us a challenge, the challenge of ensuring the growth of IFHE by keeping its torch burning brighter than she left it, emulation of her character and striving to accomplish all that she did in her life time to leave the world better than we came to meet it. We pray for her soul to rest in perfect peace.

Veronica MULENGA, IFHE Member Zambia:
This makes a sad reading. Condolences to the family and the entire IFHE.

Sophia NJERU, IFHE Member Kenya:
Dear IFHE Office Team,

I wish to express my sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI. Her immense contribution to Home Economics is appreciated.

Beatrice OGANAH, IFHE Member Nigeria:
May God Rest her soul and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace, Amen. My condolences to the family and IFHE Members!

Catherine SEMPELE, IFHE Member Kenya:

What!!!! Sooo sad. May she rest in peace.

IFHE Region of the Americas (in alphabetic order):

Carol L. ANDERSON, Past-President IFHE-US, USA:

Please forward this message to President Sidiga's family:

The Wisconsin Affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences had a Board Meeting earlier today and they asked me to extend our sympathies to President Sidiga's family, friends, and colleagues. President Sidiga was an accomplished professional and respected by others for her passionate and inspiring leadership. We mourn an extra special special woman who has served as a role model for others as they engage in professional practice.

President Sidiga engaged in activities that contribute to improving the human condition regardless of where they live in this world.

Our lives are richer from having President Sidiga with us for a time that was shorter than what we might have wanted.

May memories bring joy and commitment to improving conditions so that individuals, families, and communities might live fulfilling lives.

Grace ANGOTTI, IFHE Member USA:

So sorry. Sending condolences to her family and friends...all who loved her...

Dr. Jean KNAAK, IFHE Member USA:

I had known her for many years since she was active in international vocational education and in IVETA. Wonderful person!

Gwynn MASON, American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), USA:

Hello,

On behalf of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, I would like to share our deepest sympathies with your office as well as the WASHI family. As a world leader in the field, Dr. WASHI made a tremendous impact on people's health through her work and will be greatly missed. Once you have had time to put plans in place, please let us know what we can do to honor her and what information can be shared with our members.

Dr. June MATTHEWS, President Ontario Home Economics Association, Canada:

The Ontario Home Economics Association extends sincere condolences to Dr. WASHI's family, friends, and colleagues. Professor WASHI will be fondly remembered by all who knew her for her warmth, her generosity, her contributions to the advancement of the Home Economics profession, her research accomplishments, and her leadership of our international professional association. She will be dearly missed. May she rest in peace, surrounded by light and remembered with love.

Claudia THIERRY, IFHE Member Canada:

I remember Sidiga from my first IFHE Conference in Hanover, 1992. What struck me then was her exquisite attire. Only later did I find out that Sidiga was a very accomplished Home Economist with a world of experience under her belt. Sidiga will be sorely missed but her inspiration to others will live on.

Dr. Mary M. WARNOCK, IHES President, USA:

The International Home Economics Services, Inc. (IHES) Board of Trustees sends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Dr. Sidiga Washi. May all who knew and loved her find peace and comfort in knowing that she did make a difference in IFHE and the lives of others around the world. Her lovely smile; her quiet way of accomplishing tasks, great and small; and her ability to share her profession, her professional expertise and herself with others will be missed.

IFHE Region of Asia (in alphabetic order):

Prof Dr. Kechao GAN, Ginling College, Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing China, IFHE Member China:

Dear IFHE Office Team and friends,

As an one year old IFHE Individual Member far from Sudan, I was shocked with sorrow to hear of the sad news sent by IFHE Office Team that IFHE President Prof. Sidiga WASHI, the first President of IFHE from the African Region since 1908 passed away on October 3rd. And as a lifelong Home Economist in China, I extend my deepest condolences to the IFHE Family and her colleagues all around the world.

Prof. Dr. Rubina HAKEEM, IFHE Member Pakistan:

Extremely shocking and sad. May we know what happened?

**Japan Liaison Group for International Network of Home Economics
The Japan Society of Home Economics
The Japan Association of Home Economics Education
The Association of Home Economics Education of Yokohama National
University:**

Dear IFHE,

We are truly shocked and saddened to hear the news that IFHE President Dr. Sidiga Washi has passed away.

Please accept our deepest condolences.

We are in in deep sorrow at the loss of the powerful leader.

We pray that her soul may rest in peace.

Faseeh Shahnaz JAWED, IFHE Member Pakistan:

I am very sorry for the loss.

**Prof. Dr. Bang Quan JIN, Vice President of JAHE and CFHE and
Prof. Xiao Yan XIONG, Executive Vice President of JAHE and CFHE
CFHE & JAHE, Nanjing China, IFHE Members China:**

Dear IFHE Officials with President WASHI's family,

With all of members are very shocked to get the sorrowful message from IFHE Office that IFHE President Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI passed away on October 3rd.

We feel so sad to offer our sincere condolences to her family and her colleagues round the world.

The Korean Home Economics Association (KHEA), South Korea:

Dear all members of IFHE,

We are deeply sorry to the sad news that IFHE President Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI passed away on October 3rd.

We would like to express our sincere condolences on the loss of great leader Sidiga WASHI.

May her soul rest in peace.

Associate Professor Dr. Suman MUNDKUR, Department of Textiles and Apparel Designing, Sir Vithaldas Thackersey College of Home Science (Autonomous), SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, India, IFHE Member India:

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Professor Sidiga WASHI and the IFHE Family. We are going to miss the vibrant personality she had. Her contribution to the Society will stay on and so will her memories with all those who interacted with her. May she rest in peace!

Associate Professor Dr. Seema PURI, Department of Nutrition, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi, IFHE Member India:

Dear Dr. Manal,

This news has come as a shock to me. My deepest condolences to Dr Sidiga's family and colleagues.

I have fond memories of my association with her over the last ten years and the IFHE Council Meeting 2018 at Khartoum, Sudan.

Prof. Dr. Aurorita ROLDAN, UP College of Home Economics, The Philippines, IFHE Organisational Member:

The whole constituent of the College of Home Economics, University of the Philippines Diliman, send our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Sidiga WASHI and the whole of IFHE.

Roohi IQBAL ROOHI, IFHE Member Pakistan:

A very sad new. Rest in peace. Condolence to the family and friends.

Kei SASAI, Professor Emeritus of Japan Women University, The President of Asian Regional Association for Home Economics (ARAHE):

Dear IFHE,

We are truly shocked and saddened to hear the news that IFHE President Dr. Sidiga WASHI has passed away.

Please accept our deepest condolences.

We are in in deep sorrow at the loss of the powerful leader.

We pray that her soul may rest in peace.

**IFHE Region of Europe (in alphabetic order):
Leena M. KIRJAVAINEN, IFHE Member (1968), Finland,
Participant of the IFHE Council Meeting 2018 in Khartoum,
Sudan:**

Dear Dr. Manal Andean, Director,
Dear Prof Gasim BADRI, President,
Dear AUW Family - Staff and Students,
Dear IFHE Colleagues,

Words cannot even begin to express my shock and sorrow when I received the message that Prof Sidiga WASHI had suddenly passed away. I had lost a unique personal and professional friend and a truly international IFHE colleague.

Please accept my sincere condolences and In particular, my heart goes out to Prof. Sidiga's family to whom I like to express my deepest sympathy at this difficult time.



As I have been affiliated with the AUW Family since the 1980's when working in the Sudan, I recall Prof. Sidiga since early 1990's when she returned to Ahfad after accomplishing her Ph.D. studies in the USA. During those years, when undertaking numerous FAO Missions to the Sudan, Ahfad was always in my visiting agenda. Our intensive discussions frequently touched the fundamental mission of the University to empower women and advance both urban and rural girls education.

We shared academic interests with Prof. Sidiga with a particular focus on Food and Nutrition, Reproductive Health and Population/Family Life Education. Gradually the discussions moved to curriculum development for Rural Extension, Vocational Education, Practical Skills Training, Women and Gender in Development, Leadership and Negotiations. During the coming years she moved forward and upward in her career-ladder and became a recognised leader in university administration and change management.

Our travels crisscrossed in national workshops and international meetings starting from the Fourth Women's Conference in Beijing (1995), where Prof. Sidiga had joined Senior Sudanese Women Delegates. Again we met in the IFHE Congresses in Melbourne and Daejeon, where the Executive Committee selected Prof. Sidiga as the first IFHE President from the Africa Region. I was looking forward to supporting her in the next Annual Leadership Meeting in Trinidad and working with her in the forthcoming IFHE Congress in Atlanta. Now she is no more with us - and will be greatly missed.

The IFHE Council Meeting 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan was a real success, thanks to Prof Sidiga's planning and coordination skills and leadership capacity. She was a true diplomat and manager attending to smallest details in providing support to all participants and visitors. She had such a pleasant personality, when gracefully and tirelessly monitoring the logistics and practicalities - welcoming you in the airport and navigating you off wee hours in the morning.

The widely recognised Sudanese hospitality was so warmly reflected in Prof. Sidiga's ways of working and relating to all of us. It will remain in our memory lanes as a life-long souvenir from the IFHE Council in Khartoum. Prof. Sidiga will be profoundly missed worldwide by all of us in IFHE Family.

Regula MINGER, IFHE Member Switzerland, Participant of the IFHE Council Meeting 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan:

Dear colleagues in Bonn,

this very sad news concerns us all very much and brings back many beautiful memories of our unforgettable time in Sudan. Annemarie LÜDI told me that Sidiga enjoyed her portrait very much. I took the photo on the Nile trip and maybe you are interested in it.

I also wish you much strength and all the best in this extraordinary situation.

Warm autumn greetings from Bern.



Ruth ROSSIER, IFHE Member Switzerland, Participant of the IFHE Council Meeting 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan:

Dear all,

I met this wonderful person for my first time in Khartoum in her country, and I was very impressed by Dr. Prof. Sigida's personality and her leadership qualification and competences. I will always remember her and the wonderful meeting in Khartoum. What a shock for her family, my sincere condolences!

Anna VIKSTRÖM (KOSONEN), IFHE Member Finland:

Thank you for these remarkable and touching words, I'm very sorry for the sudden loss.

IFHE Region of Pacific (in alphabetic order):

Limu VAGI, IFHE Member Papua New Guinea:

I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing. Please pass on my sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Sidiga WASHI.

Kay YORK, President of the Home Economics Institute of Australia (HEIA) Inc.:

On behalf of our members I wish to send our condolences to the Professors family.
Rest in peace.