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Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations

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Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed is the Permanent Observer of the AU to the UN. Prior to her appointment she was Senior Special Advisor to the ECOWAS Commission. Her career spans over 2 decades with a focus on peace, security, socio-economic development, regional integration, organizational development, and project management, both in the public and private sectors.

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writer and poet, recites her award-winning poem, "Home Is a Woman"

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Ms. Arao Ameny is a US-based poet and writer from Lira, Lango region in Uganda, East Africa. She is interested in writing about immigrants, diaspora, migration, rootlessness, displacement, transition, belonging, identity, and the search for home. She has a pair of writing degrees: an MFA in Creative Writing in Fiction from University of Baltimore and an MA in Journalism from Indiana University. She has a BA in Political Science from University of Indianapolis. Her first published poem "Home is a Woman" appeared in *The Southern Review* in 2020 and won the James Olney Award. Arao Ameny was also a finalist for the UK-based Brunel University's International African Poetry Prize. She is an alumna of Rari Poetry Workshop, The Cabin writing workshop, Tin House Workshop, winner of the 2021 Brooklyn Poetry Fellowship, a 2021 HUES Scholar from HUES Foundation, and a fellow at Women's National Book Association's Authentic Voices program. Most recently, she has been nominated for the 2021 Best New Poets Anthology. Find her on Twitter at @araoameny or see books she reads at @africanwriter.