

By Vision Reporter

On Friday, the Kampala Serena Hotel played host for an inspiring and stylish gathering as Johnnie Walker brought together some of Uganda's most influential women leaders for the She Walks Female CEOs High Tea edition. The invite-only experience honoured women who are not only shaping industries, but also redefining leadership and paving the way for future generations.

The evening drew a powerful mix of leaders from sectors, such as manufacturing, banking, law and hospitality. Designed around a classic British high tea theme with a modern twist, the event stood out for its creative approach to luxury and experience. Instead of a traditional bar setup, guests were served from a bespoke floral high tea trolley that moved elegantly through the room, offering curated cocktails.

Signature serves included the Earl of Walker, a fragrant blend of Earl Grey tea, lemon, honey and whisky; the Hibiscus Highball, a refreshing mix infused with hibiscus reduction and soda, and Chamomile Calm, a smooth combination of chilled whisky, chamomile and ginger. The unique service added a refined yet playful touch to the evening.

Beyond the cocktails and ambience, the event created a meaningful space for connection and reflection. Guests engaged in light-hearted activities, shared affirmations and opened up about the defining moments that have shaped their leadership journeys.

Fashion was a stand-out highlight of the evening, as guests turned up in effortlessly classy and glamorous ensembles. In perfect harmony

She Walks celebrates female CEOs



The dress code was very well executed by many

with the event's theme, attendees embraced a soft, sophisticated palette, arriving clad in shades of lavender, sage, mint and beige. Flowing dresses, tailored suits, and elegant accessories filled the room.

Speaking at the event, East Africa brand manager Christine Kyokunda highlighted the growth of the She Walks platform from a local Ugandan initiative into a wider East African movement. She emphasised the importance of creating spaces where women's stories are celebrated and their voices amplified.

The keynote address by Félicité Nson offered a perspective on leadership. She spoke candidly about her experiences with gender bias, recalling moments where she was underestimated in professional spaces.

"Leadership is not just

about having a seat at the table; it's about how you show up when you get there. I have learned that empathy is not a weakness, it is a strength that allows you to lead people, not just processes. As women, we must walk boldly into every room, challenge perceptions when necessary and ensure that as we rise, we make space for others to rise with us." Also, in attendance was Raheal Dumba, alongside distinguished guests including Susan Kabonero Muhwezi. In her remarks, Kabonero encouraged women to embrace their journeys while challenging societal expectations.

"People will not remember what you said, but how you made them feel," she said. She celebrated the resilience of women who balance leadership, family and societal expectations.

The evening wrapped up on a lively note with a karaoke session in which classics like *Bill Withers*, *Lean on Me* and *Abba's Dancing Queen* were favourites.