



30th GIMAC Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in Africa Moving from Solemn Declarations to Solemn Deliverables



Addis Ababa, June 27, 2017 The 30th Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Consultative Meeting on Mainstreaming Gender Equality in the African Union and Member States took place on the 27th-28th June, 2017 at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia under the theme: **“Towards a Continental Policy Framework of Girls and Young Women: Gender Equality: A Human Right and Key Driver for Economic Transformation”**. .” The theme was aligned with the African Union (AU) dedication of the year 2017 as the year for youth under the theme: “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through investment in Youth”. The 30th GIMAC brought together over 150 delegates from over 30 countries, including representatives of Diplomatic Missions, African Union and United Nations officials, leading Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on Gender in Africa and other interested groups in advancing women’s rights in Africa. Drawing from the two-day discussions, participants outlined key recommendations.

30th GIMAC urged Heads of State and Government of the African Union to invest in girl’s child education by developing a gender sensitive framework that tackles the challenge with finance; remove systematic, cultural and legal barriers; focus on ICTs, innovation and STEM and respond to the need for gender disaggregated data.

Delegates emphasized on the need to provide access to finance and training to enhance the engagement and strengthen capacity of young girls in entrepreneurship and enterprise creation. Member States were urged to support and replicate successful agricultural related initiative that ensure women’s access to resources and use of technology and agro-business incubation centers for increased and efficient productivity.

Increased ratification and implementation of the Maputo Protocol and abolishment of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) were issues underlined in the meeting. Furthermore, delegates highlighted the need to enhance the agency of young women and youth in governance and peace-building.

30th GIMAC participants requested Member States to recognize the recent meeting by the women of Burundi in Addis Ababa for peace and security, and demand for support from political leaders and civil society organizations in Africa in bringing sustainable peace to that country and others in conflict;

For effective realization of the commitments called for 30th GIMAC delegates advocated for strengthening the capacity of the AU Women, Gender and Development Directorate, full implementation of the African Union Gender Strategy, support to the AU Office of the Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security and increased reporting on the SDGEA by Member States.

During the 24th GIMAC meeting in June 2014 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the African Union Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security, Gender Ministers and representatives of Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) joined the deliberations of the GIMAC and committed to working closely with the GIMAC in successive meetings. Accordingly, the 30th GIMAC delegates presented the key recommendations at the 4th AU High Level Panel on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment held on 29th- 30th June and 1st of July 2017.

The upcoming 31st GIMAC will be held in January, 2018.

Read the 30th GIMAC Outcome Document

Read the Communiqué of the AU Gender Pre-Summit

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