



“Corruption and Governance: Impact and way out for Women, Children and Youths.”

32nd Pre-Summit Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union
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RECOMMENDATIONS

We, participants of the 32nd Session of the Gender Is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) meeting in Nouakchott, Mauritania from 20 to 21 June 2018 under the theme, **“Corruption and Governance: Impact and way out for Women, Children and Youths.”** acknowledge our diversity and common objectives of advancing gender equality and the human rights of African girls and women;

WELCOME the decision of African Union Heads of State and Government to declare 2018 as the year of Anti-Corruption that aspires to build an Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential offered by African people, especially women, youth and children;

THANK the Africa Union Commission for retaining the office of the Special Envoy to the Chairperson of the AUC on Women, Peace and Security and are grateful for provision of necessary resources for that office;

WELCOME the renewed commitment by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat to Gender Equality in Africa and the numerous support he has provided to the Women, Gender and Development Directorate (WGDD) particularly in ensuring that the High-Level Panel on Gender Equality continues to articulate and engage the concerns of African women in the overall implementation of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Take cognizant of the reforms of the African Union led by H. E Paul Kagame as well as the impact of the reforms in promoting efficiency and effective delivery of programmes and projects that will impact on African citizens especially women and youth.

Appreciate the decision of African Union Advisory Board on Corruption (AUBC) to collaborate with GIMAC in conducting high level research on gender sensitivity of national anti- corruption laws.

ACKNOWLEDGE the contribution of the Office of the Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security in highlighting women's war experiences through solidarity visits and promoting their participation in peace building and post conflict reconstruction;

RECOGNIZE increasing commitment to ending child marriage by prioritizing continental efforts on girl child education and increasing resources towards the realization of social economic rights of girls;

MINDFUL of the increasing pressure on young people to get engaged, participate in leadership and maximize the limited economic opportunities amid pressing challenges embedded in the body polity and the African economy that impact negatively especially on young women and youth with disabilities;

DRIVEN by the fact that urgent steps need to be taken to invest and speed up the implementation of Agenda 2063 especially as it relates to women in Africa.

We urge the African Union Heads of State and Government to:

- I. **Recognize** and formalize the role of GIMAC as a major stakeholder in the implementation of GEWE programmes and initiatives within Agenda 2063.
- II. **Engage** judicial institutions to establish mechanisms that will eliminate all forms of corruption and fast track sexual and gender-based violence cases especially the inclusion of forensic technology and post incident trauma care.

- III. **Put in place** measures that recognize the special contribution of the creative sector in the economy and mainstream inclusion of creative professionals in wider development initiatives as well as in anti-corruption campaigns at Sub national, national and regional levels.
- IV. **Adopt** policies and measures that prioritize gender responsive local and national accountability that address redistribution and reduction of unpaid care work and eliminate all forms of corruption in the provision of essential public services.
- V. **Prioritize** the full domestication and implementation of the Maputo Protocol where they have not, and remove reservations to Article 10 and 14, 2, C and prioritize national financial and human resource investments to ensure universal access to reproductive health services that are youth friendly services and promote safety of women at all levels.
- VI. **Adopt** emerging frameworks on Land Governance that eliminate corruption when women seek to access, acquire and own land and promote policies for their inclusion in essential legal documentation and resource allocation especially for women in rural areas.
- VII. **Consider** the establishment of a High-Level Panel to inquire and report to the January 2019 African Union Summit on causes and mitigation of forceful migration and vulnerability of youth and women to transnational human trafficking criminal syndicates.
- VIII. **Strengthen** accountability mechanisms for holding multinational companies accountable to pay their fair share of taxes and uphold human including women's rights in their activities in accordance with regional and international instruments.
- IX. **Implement** the recommendations by the Thabo Mbeki High Level Panel that address limitations to existing Illicit Financial Flows and its linkages to corruption and weakening of state institutions.

- X. **Engage** the office of the African Union Commissioner of Political Affairs to hold countries accountable in the elimination of barriers to women political participation through the establishment of gender sensitive political and electoral processes.

Dated at Nouakchott, this 21st day of June 2018.