



32nd GIMAC Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in Africa Moving from Solemn Declarations to Solemn Deliverables



Nouakchott, June 20, 2018 The 32nd Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Consultative Meeting on Mainstreaming Gender Equality in the African Union and Member States took place on the 20th – 21st June, 2018 in Nouakchott, Mauritania under the theme: **“Corruption and Governance: Impact and way out for Women, Children and Youths.”** The theme was aligned with the African Union (AU) dedication of the year 2018 as the year for anti-corruption under the theme: “Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation”. The 32nd GIMAC brought together over 100 delegates from over 20 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.

32nd GIMAC urged Heads of State and Government of the African Union to eliminate all forms of corruption among others in governance, education, agriculture, health and public services by putting in place gender responsive policies and measures including financial and human resource investment, accountability instruments and through establishment of gender sensitive political and electoral processes. Moreover participants called for recognition and formalization of the role of GIMAC by the African Union Commission (AUC) as a major stakeholder in the implementation of GEWE programmes and initiatives within Agenda 2063.

Delegates called for engagement with judicial institutions to counter corruption in the sector and emphasized the need to fast track sexual and gender-based violence cases. Increased domestication and implementation of the Maputo Protocol and implementation of recommendations by the Thambo Mbeki High Level Panel on limitations to existing Illicit Financial Flows were issues underlined in the meeting. Participants also reflected on the need for 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.

For effective realization of the commitments called for 32nd 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, engagement with AU Commissioner for Political Affairs and increased reporting on the SDGGEA 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 32nd GIMAC delegates presented the key recommendations at the AU High Level Panel on “Women in Power” held on 30th June 2018.

The upcoming 33rd GIMAC will be held in February, 2019.

Read the 32nd GIMAC Outcome Document [[hyperlink](#)]

Read the 32nd GIMAC June 2018 Concept Note [H.L.]

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