GIMAC
Gender Is My Agenda Campaign

Presentation of the Next Steps

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The “Gender is My Agenda” Campaign was launched at the 8th Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union, in Banjul, the Gambia, in June 2006 to monitor and evaluate implementation of the SDGEA
HISTORY

Pre-Summit Consultations since 2002 gather women’s network and share, discuss and push forward the AU gender programme and the inclusion of women in regional decision-making processes.
Building the Women’s Agenda

1st Consultative Meeting: Durban, South Africa, June 2002
2nd Consultative Meeting: Dakar, Senegal, April 2003
3rd Consultative Meeting: Maputo, Mozambique, June 2003
4th Consultative Meeting: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 2004
5th Consultative Meeting: Abuja, Nigeria, January 2005
6th Consultative Meeting: Tripoli, Libya, July 2005
7th Consultative Meeting: Dakar, Senegal, October 2005
8th Consultative Meeting: Banjul, Gambia, June 2006
9th Consultative Meeting: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 2007
10th Consultative Meeting: Accra, Ghana, June 2007
On-goings from previous meetings

• During the 11th Consultative meeting, GIMAC held a Darfur Women Forum which has sprouted into a full blown programme in Darfur
• The GIMAC Strategic Planning held in Sharm El Shek during the 12th Consultative meeting initiated a series of processes that is purposed to further strengthen the network
• The 13th Consultative Meeting had the launch of the Best Practice booklet as one of its highlights
• During the 14th Consultative Meeting in June 2009, in Tunisia, GIMAC joined forces with other individuals and organizations in the women’s movement, to advocate for the African Women’s Decade
• The 15th Consultative meeting in Addis, Jan 2010, saw us launch the 1st shadow report produced on the SDGEA and deliberated on how best we can continue the monitoring of the reporting and the national implementation of this important instrument.
• During the 16th Consultative meeting in Kampala in July 2010, GIMAC inputted into the Maternal Mortality debates and lobbied for the honoring of commitments made, in both the Abuja Declaration and the Maputo Plans of
At Next Steps: from this 17th Pre-summit Consultative meeting

1. We will have an outcome document that will outline the gender issues that we want taken into consideration during this summit:
   - On the theme of the summit – “Shared values”
   - Our thematic areas of interest – health, education, economic empowerment, peace and security, etc
   - Emerging issues – climate change

2. Take into consideration the responsibilities that have been thrust onto GIMAC’s laps:
   - “Shared values” – develop a body of knowledge that would inform the definition and harmonization of these values – and appropriately interrogate them in the context in which they manifest in our situation – even as we implement and popularize them. Specific aspects of this body of knowledge will help us decipher the gap between the normative, as is manifested by all these documents that our governments have ratified, and the reality as is experienced by the people of Africa in general and the women in particular.
   - “Peace and Security” – the important role of being in solidarity with the women. The role of women in mediation.
   - “Climate change / Justice” – the demystification of the concept. A committee to work with Mary Robinson’s committee - the stories of mitigation and adaptation and the strategies to cease the existing financing, and other opportunities

3. Consolidate the process initiated to firm up GIMAC
Consolidating GIMAC

The Alma Sheck and the Tripoli Commitments:

- Accelerate the launch of the advocacy campaign for the implementation of SDGEA;
- Increase networking activities aimed at implementation of the SDGEA;
- Continue to partner with the AUGD, AU Commission, PAP, ECOSOCC and other AU organs; the RECs and all international partners on the implementation of the SDGEA;
- Document the process of civil society activities in monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the implementation of SDGEA;
- Convene an annual Pre-Summit Consultative Meeting in July ahead of AU Summits.
- Continue with the Biannual Gender Award
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GIMAC Strategic Direction

- Work in Progress
  - Result from the Tripoli working groups
  - Emerging opportunities in content and processes
Thank you