

GIMAC

Gender Is My Agenda Campaign

Presentation of the Next Steps

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INTRODUCTION

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



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Déclaration Solennelle sur l'Égalité entre les hommes et les femmes en Afrique

POINTS FOCAUX THEMATIQUES

Gouvernance: African Leadership Forum (ALF)
Paix et Sécurité: Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), African Center for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
Safer Africa, Africa Policy Institute (API)
Droits Humains: Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF)
Centre Africain pour la Démocratie et les Etudes de Droits de l'Homme (CADEH)
Santé: Alliance pour la Recherche sur les Aspects Sociaux du VIH/Sida (SAHARA)
Society for Women and Aids in Africa (SWAA), Réseau Roll Back Malaria (RBM)
Éducation: Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE)
Campagne Internationale sur les Objectifs du Millénaire pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ANCEFA)
Renforcement de Capacités Économiques: African Women Development Fund (AWDF)
Egyptian Business Women Association (EBWA)

POINTS FOCAUX REGIONAUX

Afrique de l'Ouest: Association des Femmes de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (AFAO)
Afrique du Nord: Association Tantisennes des Mères (ATM)
Afrique Australe: Foundation for Community Development (FDC)
Afrique de l'Est: Advocacy for Women in Africa (AWA)
Afrique Centrale: Association Congolaise de Lutte contre les Violences faites aux Femmes (ACOLVF)

AUTRES ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPANTES

AAWORD, ABANTU for Development, Akina Mama Wa Africa, ANSEDI, Carda Parlement de Concertation des Femmes Congolaises (CAFECO), CAFOD, Center For Human Rights (CHR), Commission for Gender Equality (CGE), COMAFED, Equality Now, FEMNET, International African Committee (IAC), International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), ISIS - WICEE, MAKWOPNET, Nairobi Peace Initiative (NPI), REPERES, Pan African Movement, ProFemmes, SSWC, Women's Society of Allahs

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CADHP, AU, CEA, NEPAD, PAP, PNUD, FNUAP, UNICEF
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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 it's 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

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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



THEMATIC FOCAL POINTS

Cluster	Organization
Governance	ALF
Peace and Security	FAS, ACCORD, Africa POLICY INSTITUTE (API)
Human Rights	WILDAF, ACDHRS
Health	SAHARA, SWAA, RBM
Education	FAWE, ANCEFA
Economic Empowerment	AWDF, EBWA

REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS

Region	Organization
Western Africa	WAWA
Northern Africa	TMA
Southern Africa	FCD
Central Africa	ACOLVF
Eastern Africa	ABANTU for Development

GIMAC Strategic Direction

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



- Thank you