

**WORK PROGRAMME
9th AFRICAN UNION GENDER PRE-SUMMIT**

**HARNESSING THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND THROUGH
INVESTMENTS IN YOUTH: EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE**

DAY 1 & 2: 22 - 23 January 2017 GIMAC Civil Society Gender Pre-Summit		
DAY 1 22 January 2017 RECs, RMs, AU Liaison Offices, AU Organs Consultation meeting on the new AU Gender Strategy 12.30 – 17.00		
DAY 2: 23 January 2017		
Consultation meeting of AU Ministers of Gender and Women's Affairs on the new AU Gender Strategy 08.30 – 16.30	Youth Consultation Forum 08.30 – 12.00	
DAY 3: 24 January 2017 9th AU Gender Pre-Summit		
Session 1: Opening Ceremony 08.00 – 09.30 Programme Director: Ms Leslie Koumba Melinda, Ms Hilina Tadesse and Young man (TBC)		
08.00 – 09.30	AU Anthem	AU Choir
	Welcome messages from Diaspora	Diaspora
	Welcome Remarks	Mrs. Mahawa Kaba Wheeler, <i>Director, AU Women, Gender and Development Directorate (WGDD-AUC)</i>
	Welcome Statement	Hon. Demitu Hambisa, <i>Minister of Women and Children Affairs of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</i>
	Remarks	Hon. Dr. Jean Kalilani, <i>Chairperson, STC on Gender and Women's Empowerment and Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Republic of Malawi</i>
	Welcome Message	Youth
	Message	Partner
	Message	Dr Otimehim Babatunde, <i>UNFPA Executive Director</i>
	Message	GIMAC/ Young Women's Christian Association (YMCA)

	Opening Remarks and Kwame Nkrumah Award Ceremony	Dr Martial De Paul Ikounga, <i>Commissioner, Human Resources, Science & Technology - AUC</i>
	Keynote Address	H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC)
09.30 – 10.00: Group Photo and Morning Tea/ Coffee Break		
Session 2: Panel Discussion on Investing in Young People’s Economic Empowerment Through Innovation: 10.00 – 11.30 Moderator: Minister of Mozambique and Mr. Meshack Kinyua		
09.30 – 11.30	The technology revolution and harnessing its dividend for the youth	<i>Dr Mahamadou Saibou, Director Multinationales in Telecommunications</i>
	Mathematics and Science, key ingredients to Africa’s technological revolution	<i>Thierry ???, CEO</i>
	Rethinking agriculture to attract the young	<i>UNDP or Dr Evelyn Namubiru-Mwaura</i>
	Discussions	
Session 3 Panel Discussion on Investing in Young People’s Financial Empowerment 11.30 – 13.00 Moderator: Deputy Prime Minister of Swaziland and a Young Person		
11.30 – 13.00	<i>Perspectives and potential sectors of jobs creation for youth over the next 10 years : UNECA</i>	
	<i>Financing Conditions and Mechanisms for Youth: Banking Perspective, ECOBANK Foundation</i>	
	<i>Tapping into the Diaspora to Invest in Africa’s Young Innovators : Diaspora</i>	
Lunch		
13.00 – 14.00		
Session 4: Panel Discussion: AU Roadmap on the 2017 Theme on Harnessing the Demographic Dividend Through Investments in the Youth 14.00 – 15.30 Moderator: Director of Social Affairs, Dr Olawale Maiyegun and GIMAC		
- AU Demographic Dividend : Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo, Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology, AUC		

- Demographic dividend and gender dividend: the impact of gender equality and women's empowerment on the demographic dividend agenda. :Population Reference Bureau/Mme Cécile M.Compaoré Zoungana
- Trends and Policy Impacts: Shifts in the Development Narrative of Africa. Vanessa Anyoti, World YWCA
- Youth Employment and Economic Imperative to harness the Demographic Dividend in Africa: H.E Dr. Abdhalla Hamdock, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Discussions

**Session 5:
Panel Discussion on Investing in Youth Driving Social Change
15.30 – 17.00**

Moderator: Minister of Gender of Mauritania and Dr. Yacouba Kassama, AU Director of Medical Services

15.00 – 17.00	Young people living well, healthy and active lifestyles	IPPF
	Giving alternative options for girls education	AU/CIEFFA
	Young People's Social mobilization and Networking	FEMNET
	Young working to change gender stereotypes	All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)
Discussions		

**Tribute Gala Dinner:
19.00 – 21.00**

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**Session 6:
Panel Discussion on Investing in Young People's Political Engagement.
09.00 – 10.30**

Moderator: Minister of Gender of Djibouti/Somalia and Mrs. Bineta Diop, AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security

9.00 – 10.30	Citizen and political engagement of young people, realities and imperatives	Emmy Otim, Young Politicians in Africa
	Bridging the inter-generational gap in leadership	Francine Muyumba, President, Pan-African Youth President

	Young People/Women building Peace	Ms. Fatima Asika
	Youth fostering accountability to policy commitments	Hon. Munah Pelham Youngblood
	Discussion	
Tea/ Coffee Break 10:30-11:00		
Session 7: Panel Discussion on the Review of the 2015/6 Years dedicated to Women and Dialogue on the AU Human Rights Decade 11.00 – 13.00 Moderators: Minister of Gender of Chad and Ambassador of Botswana		
<p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member State - Sudan 2. AUC/WGDD 3. AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security 4. AU Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa 5. Regional Economic Community, Organs and Liaison Offices 6. United Nations - UNWOMEN, OHCHR, UNECA 7. African Development Bank 8. Civil Society Organization 9. Media 		
LUNCH 13:00-14:30		
Session 8: Presentation and Adoption of Call to Action 14.30 – 15.30 Moderator-Hon Duncan Casselle, Minister of Gender of Liberia and Ms. Yaye Ramatoulaye Dieye		
14.30 – 15.30	Presentation and adoption of draft Call to Action to enhance young people/women's leadership and empowerment for civic participation.	Chairperson of STC on Gender and Women's Empowerment

**Session 9:
Closing Ceremony
15.30 - 16.30
Moderator: TBC**

15.30 - 16.00	Commitment Message from Young People	Youth
	Commitment Message from Representative of Ministers/ Member States	STC on Gender Chairperson
	Commitment Message from Regional Economic Communities (RECs)	REC
	Commitment Message from Representative of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)	GIMAC/ IPAS
	Commitment Message from Representative of UN Agencies	Dr Phumzile Mlambo - Ngcuka, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women
	Commitment Message from Representative of Development Partners	Partner
	Closing Remarks	H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC)

DAY 5:

26 January 2017

AU International Centre for Girls and Women's Education in Africa (AU/CIEFFA) High Level Dialogue on Gender Equality and Education
09.00 – 17.00

DAY 5 & 6:

26 - 27 January 2017

Africa Pre-Commission on the Status of women (CSW 61)
09.00 – 17.00

AU Ministerial Consultation Meeting