The Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Peace Mediation (FEMWISE-Africa)
Under the Umbrella of the Pan-African Network of the Wise (PANWISE)

Convene

The Inaugural Meeting of the Steering Committee of the FEMWISE-Africa

2-3 October 2017

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Committee Room 3 (Old Conference Building)

Draft Programme
2 October 2017

09:00–10:00 OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Statement:
H.E. Amb Smail Chergui, Commissioner for Peace and Security, AU

Remarks:

Ms. Letty Chiwara, UN Women Representative to Ethiopia, African Union and Economic Commission for Africa
Mme Bineta Diop, AU Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security

Keynote Addresses:
H.E. Dr. Speciosa Wandira, Co-Chair of FemWise-Africa

10:00 – 10:30: Tea/Coffee Break and Group Photo

10:30 – 12:00: SESSION 1: INTRODUCTORY DISCUSSION ON THE ENDURING, URGENT AND IMPERATIVE AGENDA OF WOMEN AND THE GENDER DIMENSIONS OF CONFLICT:

Chair: H.E. Mme Catherine Samba Panza (FemWise, former President of the Central African Republic)
Speakers: Ms. Pravina Makan-Lakha, ACCORD
Mrs Agathe Telou (Gender Advisor, UNOWAS, Working Group on Women Peace and Security)
UN Women Representative
Stella Sabitii (FemWise-Africa: Role of the Steering Committee, frameworks, accreditation, and updates)

12:00 – 13:30 SESSION 2: REVIEW OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEACE AND SECURITY LANDSCAPE, CONFLICT PREVENTION, MEDIATION AND STABILIZATION EFFORTS: IMPLICATIONS FOR FEMWISE-AFRICA

Chair: Mme Marie Madeleine Kalala-Ngoy (AU Friends of the Panel of the Wise)
Speakers: TBC, AU Continental Early Warning System (CEWS)
Ms. Theresa Whitfield, Director, UN Mediation Support Unit (Gender and Mediation Tools and practical applications and partnerships)
UNEP Representative (Securing Africa's Environment: Addressing the root causes of resource conflicts in Africa), TBC
Ambassador Corentin Ki-Doulaye, Senior Advisor, Crisis Management Initiative
Representative from WGDD

13:30 – 14:30: LUNCH

14:30 – 16:30: SESSION 3: GROUP WORK TO DEVELOP THE PLAN OF ACTION 2017-2020 (CLOSED SESSIONS-ONLY FOR FEMWISE MEMBERS AND INVITED EXPERTS)

The Group Sessions will ensure that the breakout groups identify concrete ways to reach the 6 Expected outcomes of FemWise. Additionally, communication, popularization and visibility of FemWise should also be taken onboard in all breakout group discussions. Plan looking at: expected outcome/ outputs/ activities/ results.

GROUP 1: RESTRICTED ACCESS: MAPPING THE DEPLOYMENTS OF FEMWISE-AFRICA (Chaired by Catherine Samba-Panza; supported by Corentin Ki-Doulaye and Joao Porto)

GROUP 2: FEMWISE MEMBERSHIP, OUTREACH AND NETWORKING (Chaired by Pravina Makan Lakha and Berthe Mokodopo).

GROUP 3: FEMWISE TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING (Chaired by UN Women and Shuvai Busuman).

GROUP 4: FEMWISE: PARTNERSHIPS AND SUSTAINABILITY (Chaired by Stella Sabittii and Irene Limo)

GROUP 5: FEMWISE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2018-2020: (chaired by Mme Marie Madeleine Kalala-Ngoy and Marie Louise Baricako, and supported by Ulf Engl)

3 October 2017

09:00 – 11:30 : SESSION 4: GROUP REPORT BACK TO PLENARY

Chair: Mme Salimata Porquet (Présidente, Le Réseau Paix et Sécurité des Femmes de L’Espace CÉDÉAO)

Group Rapporteurs:
Group 1: Corentin Ki-Doulaye, CMI
Group 2: Pravina Makan-Lakha, Accord
Group 3: Irene Limo, ACCORD
Group 4: Shuvai Busuman, ALC
Group 5: Marie Louise Baricako

The above reporting will be followed by a short discussion on the topic of the 2017 General
Assembly of FemWise (12-13 December 2017).

11:30 – 12:00: Tea/Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:30  CLOSING CEREMONY

- Reading of the Outcome document
- Bishop Bishop Mary C. Nkosi, Committee of Elder of COMESA
- H.E. Mme Catherine Samba-Panza, Co-Chair of FemWise-Africa
- Amb Smail Chergui Commissioner, Peace and Security, AU Commission

12:30  GROUP LUNCH