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**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**