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Date: 27th July 2021

What: Inter-Generational Virtual Couch Talk, Theme: *"Building the Africa We Want: The Role of Youth in Fostering Generation Equality"*

When: Friday, July 30 2021, 15:00hrs - 17:00hrs (GMT+3)

Who: The African Union Youth Division, Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, in collaboration with UN Women, UNICEF and UNFPA

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/IGD-DAW2021>

Key speakers

- H.E. Mme Bineta Diop, AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security
- H.E Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor, AUC Commissioner of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation
- H.E. Eunice Lipinge, President of the Pan African Women's Organization
- Dr. Edward Addai, UNICEF Representative to the AU and ECA
- Ms. Marieme Esther Dassanou, Coordinator of Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AfDB)
- Mr. Mabingue Ngom, Senior Adviser to the Executive Director and Director of the UNFPA Representation Office to the African Union
- Mme Nduwayo Marie Goretti, Regional liaison Adviser UN Women Liaison Office to the AUC and UNECA
- Ambassador Dr. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, AUC Goodwill Ambassador on Ending Child Marriage
- Dr. Remmy Shawa UNESCO Project Officer | Education for Health and Well-being | Deputy Country Focal Point | South Africa
- Ms. Mona Aika Child Protection Specialist at UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office
- Ms. Janet Mbugua, Founder of Inua Dada
- Ms. Doreen Moraa Moraacha, HIV/AIDS Advocate
- Mr Christian Fleming, PR and Gender Consultant,
- Ms. Caryn Dasah, Social justice activist |Peace builder |SRHR activist,
- Mr. Sylvain Obedi, Disabilities Activist,

- Mr. Abel Koka, Champion for youth and reproductive rights

Background:

The African Union Commission has designated the 31st of July as Pan-African Women's Day to honour the contributions of African women to the continent's development. It is against this backdrop that the Youth Division, within the Women, Gender, and Youth Directorate (WGYD) of the Africa Union Commission in collaboration with UNICEF's Office to the AUC and ECA; UNFPA Liaison Office to the AUC and ECA, and the UN Women Liaison Office to the AUC and UNECA, will hold an Intergenerational Dialogue (IGD) between high-level women in leadership and youth advocates through a virtual couch talk themed: **"Building the Africa We Want: The Role of Youth in Fostering Generation Equality"**.

The panelists of this virtual couch talk will dialogue on the role of youth in fostering Generation Equality and the need for urgent action and accountability for gender equality in Africa. The 90 minute conversation will involve Beijing +25 Youth Task Force, policymakers, and youth who are advancing the Gender Equality agenda across the continent.

The IGD will facilitate deconstructed conversation between policy-makers, and youth advocates on the prospects for the continent and how to mobilize youth to make and advance concrete, ambitious and sustainable commitments towards achieving gender equality.

The specific objectives for the intergenerational dialogue are to:

1. Create space for dialogue between youth advocates and duty bearers on transformative strategies in advancing generation equality in Africa.
2. Identify the ways in which gender inequality is an obstacle to achieving the Africa we want.
3. Make concrete, specific, and ambitious commitments to accelerate progress towards gender equality in the next five years.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Register for the Day of the African Woman Webinar here: <https://bit.ly/IGD-DAW2021> Friday, July 30, 2021, 15:00hrs - 17:00hrs (GMT+3)

Journalists are invited to cover the event.

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