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Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: AFRICA CONSULTATIONS

What: Commission on the Status of Women: Africa Consultations held under the Theme: "*Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.*"

When: 28th February 2022, 11.00am EAT

Where: To join the consultations, register here- https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErcumuqj0pEtfypXfX_yQszmI2HzlM_3jB

Who: Convened by Africa Union Commission (AUC), Women, Gender and Youth Directorate in partnership with United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment (UN Women) and the Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the meeting will also bring together the civil societies and citizens from across the continent.

Background

In focusing on "Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes", the CSW66 session acknowledges that transition to the green economy will create opportunities in the form of green jobs in new sectors.

The extent of the climate emergency will force countries in Africa to transition towards more sustainable modes of production and consumption in the next decades. This can bring new opportunities for women and girls in the region. In sub-Saharan Africa, renewable energy, sustainable construction and infrastructure, and the circular economy will generate millions of new jobs in the coming years.

Unfortunately, Women and girls are disproportionately affected by climate and environment crises and disasters. Their rights, priorities and needs are systematically overlooked by climate, environmental, and disaster risk policies and programmes. At the same time, women and girls in Africa play a critical role in climate change adaptation and mitigation through their role in key sectors such as agriculture or through sustainable management of natural resources and conservation of ecosystems.

Hence, whether women access opportunities or are left out of the benefits associated with the green transition in the region will depend on the policies implemented by governments in the short term.

For more information, visit https://au.int/en/newsevents/20220228/commission-status-women-csw-66-africa-pre-csw66-consultations-ministerial

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