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### **4<sup>TH</sup> HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA.**

**What:** The 4<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum on Women, Peace and Security in Africa will be convened under the theme “Enhancing Women’s Participation and Leadership in Peace and Security Processes in Africa”.

**When:** 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 9AM EAT.

**Where:** African Union Headquarters, Medium Conference Hall.

You can also follow the event online on - [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

A press briefing will be held after the opening session.

**Who:** The meeting will be addressed by among others sitting and former Heads of State and Government; African Union Senior leadership; development partners; senior leaders from women organizations, among other key stakeholders.

### **Background information:**

Despite the progress made in implementing several African Union frameworks on inclusion of women in leadership positions in all sectors of life such as the [Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People’s Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa](#) (Maputo Protocol) which provides a legal framework for ensuring civil and political, economic, social, and cultural as well as environmental rights for all African women, and the 2018-2028 [African Union Strategy for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment](#), which supports the work of the Agenda as well as gender mainstreaming within the Union, as well as the UN Security Council resolution 1325, which highlights the importance of women's participation in promoting peace and

security, there are still significant gaps between the resolution's goals and the current reality. Women continue to be underrepresented in peace negotiations, peacekeeping, and mediation efforts.

The High Level Forum on Women, Peace, and Security aims to reflect on the current strategies of enhancing women participation and leadership in peace and security processes, how to strengthen and support women's peace building networks especially in countries undergoing political crisis, the role of young women and girls in peace and security.

Read a brief available [here](#).

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