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53 Beneficiaries of the Fund for African Women Projects meet with the AU

Directorate for Women, Gender and Development

Addis Ababa, 5 July 2012 – Ahead of the official opening of the Sixth Gender Pre-Summit scheduled for tomorrow 6 July 2012 at 10 am, a meeting took place today, 5 July 2012 at the New African Union (AU) Conference Center. The meeting brought together the 53 first beneficiaries of the 2011 Fund for African Women Projects in order to establish the implementation calendar of the selected projects.



Some 106 proposals were submitted and went through a rigorous selection and analysis process and only 53 were approved during the Ministers of Gender Conference earlier in 2012. The grants awarded are to be used to help in the implementation of new projects and/or improve already existing projects.

The Fund for African Women Projects was launched in 2010 in the context of the 2010-2020 African Women's Decade (AWD). The AWD include 10 themes, the theme chosen for the allocation of this year's grants is: "Women's Health, Maternal Mortality and HIV&AIDS".

Mrs. Litha Musyimi-Ogana, Director of Women, Gender and Development, underlined the relevance of such a meeting as it will allow both parties to exchange views to achieve their objectives in a bid to ensure the development agenda of the continent.

The Pre-Summit on Gender which will start on Friday July 6th and end on Saturday 7th July 2012 will be held under the theme of the 19th AU Summit "Boosting Intra-African Trade".
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