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22nd GIMAC – PRESS RELEASE 10 YEARS OF PROMOTING GENDER IN AFRICA

Prior to the 21st Ordinary Session of the Heads of State and Government in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 26-27th May, the **Gender is My Agenda Campaign** (**GIMAC**) **Network** will hold a **Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union** (**AU**) on **20-21st May.** This meeting will be marked by the **10**th **GIMAC anniversary**, which will be celebrated with special festivities.

The meeting will be held under the high patronage of H.E. Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, African Union Commission Chairperson, who will officially launch the activities.

In order to fully contribute to the vision "Africa 2063, several women's meetings have been held since the beginning of May at the African Union Headquarters, under the leadership of **Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma**, in order to update their agenda, review achievements and identify opportunities.

To mark its 10th anniversary, the network will make a special **tribute** to **African Women Pioneers** for their promotion of gender throughout the continent and their unwavering commitment to Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance.

A dialogue with Rural women will take place as well as an Inter-generational dialogue, with the aim of passing on the elders' legacy to the youth, to allow them to fully benefit from their rich experiences.

Other scheduled cultural activities include a **photo exhibition** on GIMAC's history, achievements and prospects; a documentary on GIMAC's evolution; as well as the presentation of a book on "Founding Mothers" who have contributed, together with men, to the struggle for freedom and independence in their countries.

The GIMAC is a network of more than 55 organizations working in different sectors, coordinated by Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS). Since 2005, the GIMAC meets on the margins of the African Union Heads of State Summit. Its areas of focus include the protection of women's rights and the monitoring of the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA).

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