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The Chairperson of the African Union Commission Launches the AU Strategy for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and the 4th edition of the Gender Scorecard Awards



Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 14 February 2019-The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E Musa Faki Mahamat, spearheaded two important initiatives during the recently concluded 32nd Ordinary Summit of the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The initiatives on gender mainstreaming were to further accelerate progress towards realizing Aspiration 6 of Agenda 2063 and Goal 5 of the SDGs.

Launching the African Union's first Strategy for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, the Chairperson described the Strategy as a guide to achieving our commitments to the critical agenda for peace, prosperity and security in Africa. The strategy is closely informed by all existing legal and policy frameworks and is built around the four pillars of:

- Maximizing Outcomes, Opportunities and Tech E Dividends
- Dignity, Security and Resilience
- Effective Laws, Policies and Institutions
- Leadership, Voice and Visibility

The AU gender strategy will be rolled-out starting 2019 with support from all key stakeholders.

During the closing session of Summit, the Chair of the Union and President of Egypt, H.E Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, and the Chairperson of the AU Commission H.E Moussa Faki Mahamat, presented the awards for the 4th edition of the African Gender Scorecard. This edition, aligned with the AU theme for 2018 was focused on assessing the level of integration of a gender dimension into the fight against corruption by Member States. The Scorecard derives from a rigorous analysis of national and international data on five areas of performance highlighted by the theme. All AU member states demonstrated efforts in their fight against corruption.

Trophies for Best overall Performance went to countries winning the most prizes in the Scorecard. This list was topped by Namibia for winning in all categories, followed in descending order by South Africa, Rwanda, Burkina Faso and Ghana. These countries

were also awarded with the price for Participation of Civil society and the Private Sector in the Fight against Corruption.

The winning price for the Ratification and Reporting on Relevant International and Continental Normative Instruments went to Nigeria and Ethiopia; whilst the Best Practices in Promoting Equality and Protecting Women's Rights price was won by Zambia, Tanzania, Mauritius and Togo. Ivory Coast, Malawi and Algeria grabbed the price for Mobilization of National Resources; whereas Botswana, Cape Verde and Seychelles emerged winners of the Implementation of Anti-corruption Policies price.



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The scorecard is a collaborative effort between the AU Commission, the AU Anti-Corruption Board, the UN Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank.

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