

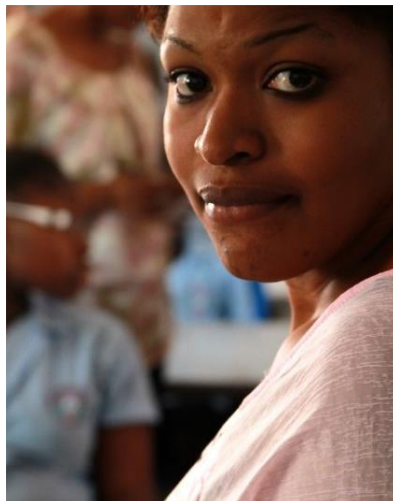


United Nations Entity for Gender Equality  
and the Empowerment of Women



# UN Women Africa

*The present*





1. **Africa's opportunities**
2. **Gender inequalities**
3. **UN Women's presence in Africa**
4. **UN Women's partners**
5. **Some key results**
6. **Way Forward**

- i. **Strong economic growth prospects:**
  - Rise in inter-regional trade
  - Increased economic diversification (Financial services, ICTs, Manufacturing etc.)
  - 6 out of the top 10 fastest growing economies globally, are in Africa: Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ghana, Libya, and Tanzania
  - GDP per capita across the region has been on the rise (some of the largest increases have been made in Equatorial Guinea, Seychelles, Mauritius, and Botswana)
- ii. **Resource-rich continent (natural resources, good rainfall and arable land- 15% of global oil reserves; 62% of economically active women in Africa)**
- iii. **Information and communications boom and technological innovations- access to tech to reach 90% by 2020**
- iv. **A robust youth population- half of Africa's population is below 25yrs**
- v. **Increasingly buoyant middle-class**
- vi. **Rapid urbanization**
- vii. **Vibrant Civil Society**
- viii. **Adoption of international & regional frameworks on women's rights**



Women's engagement in political processes and decision-making

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Gender-based violence and HIV

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Access to basic social services (education and health)

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Women are still in the informal sector (low level skills)

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Access to financing

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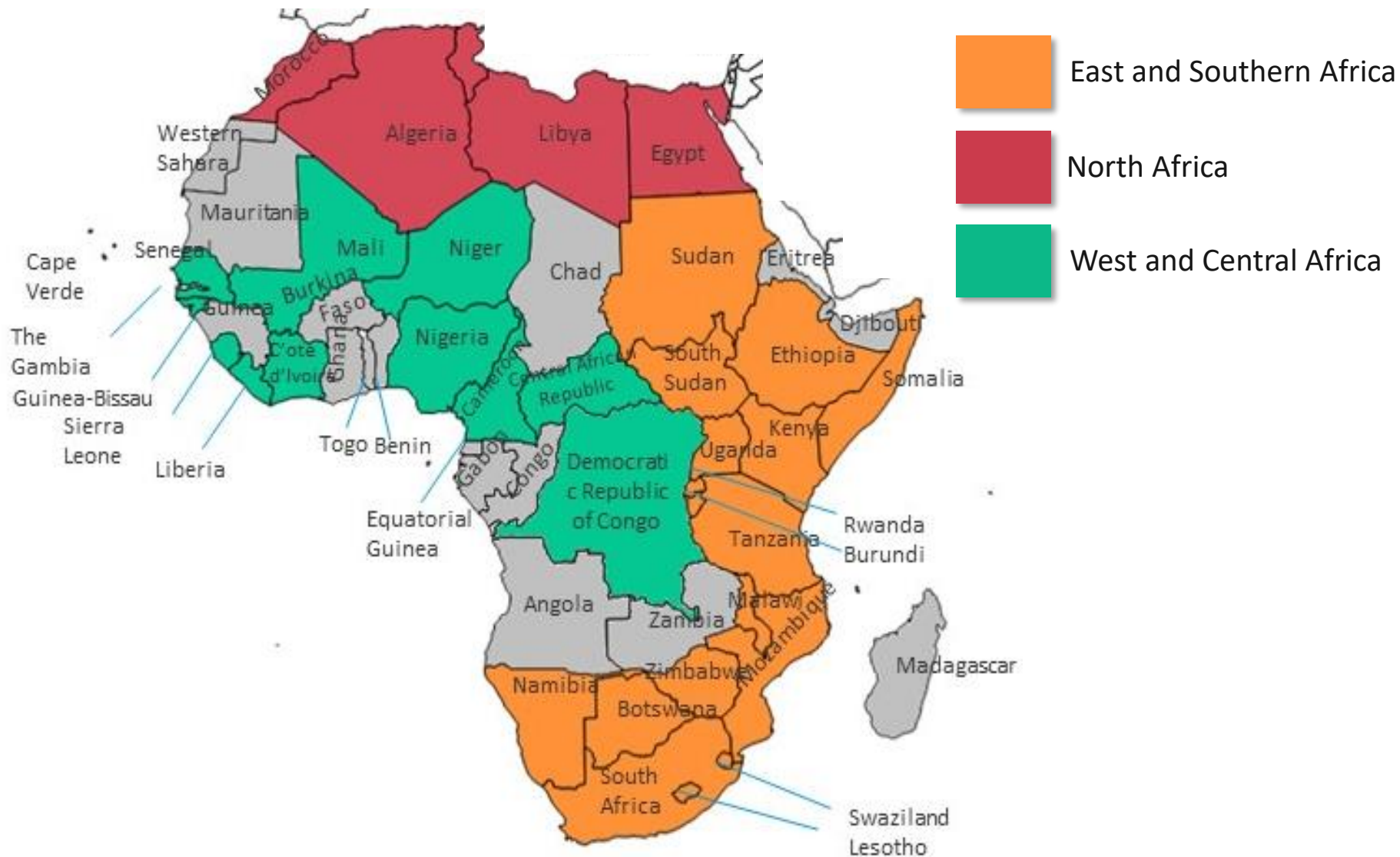
Access to and control over land and other productive assets

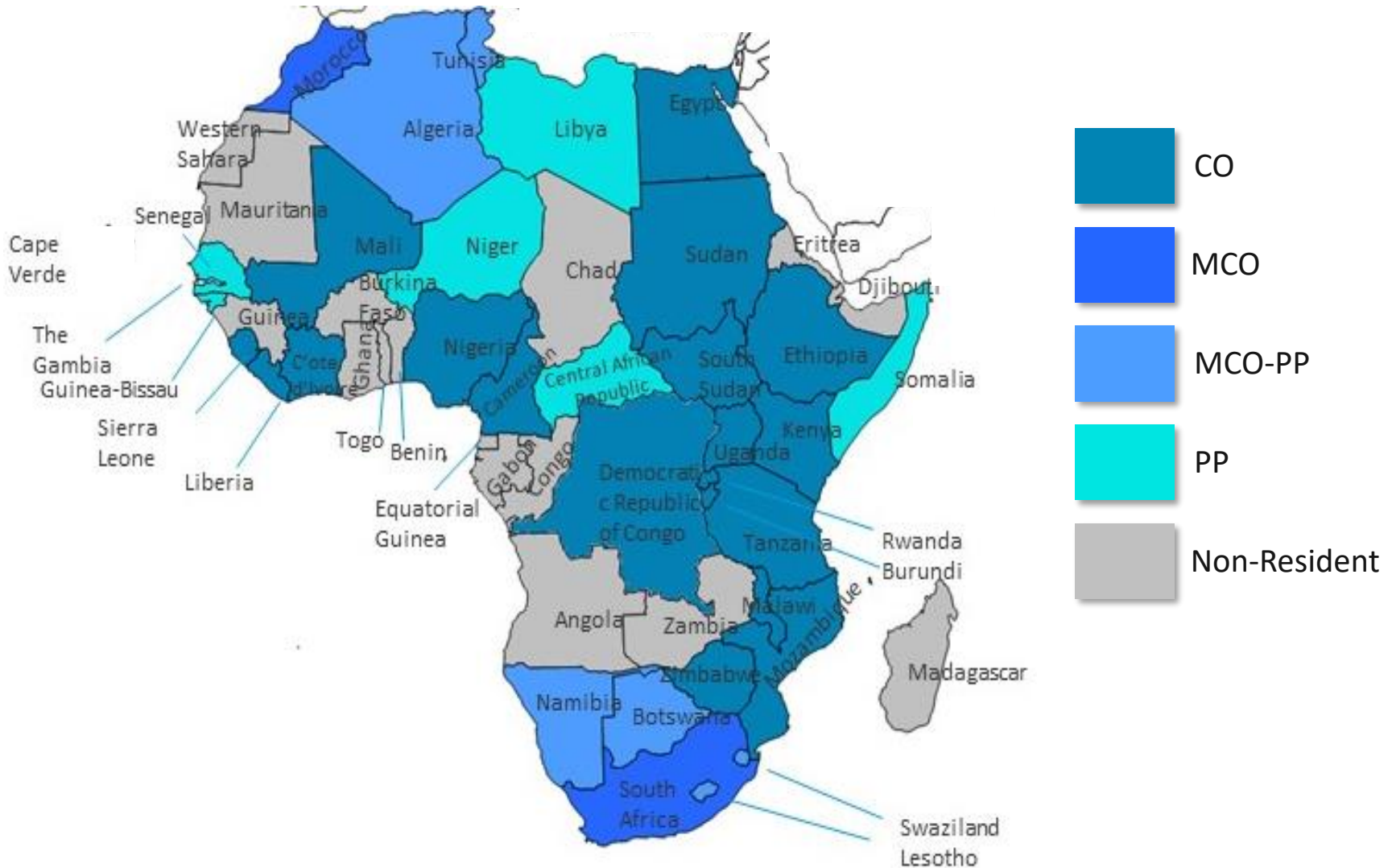
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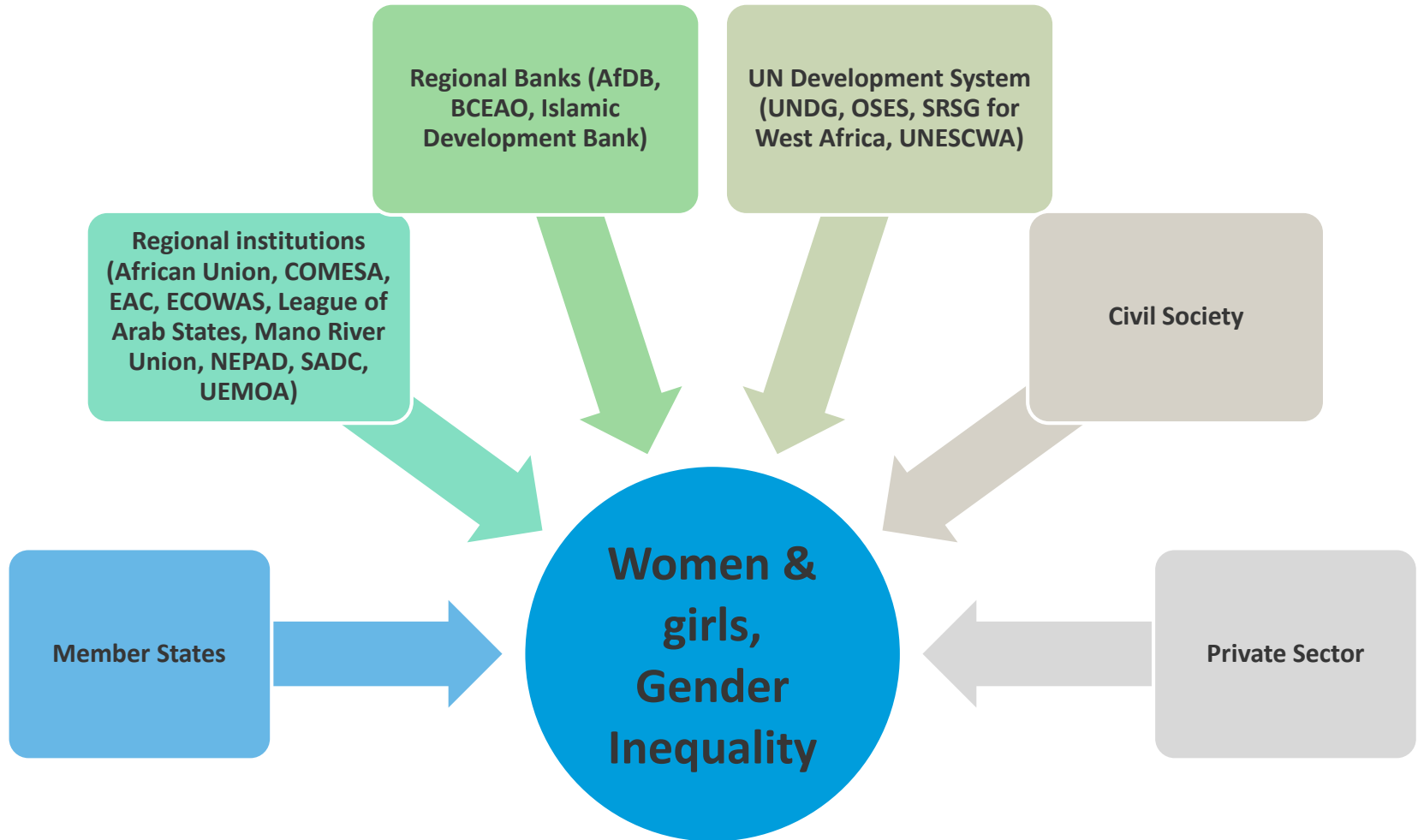


Women bear the larger burden of unpaid care work

# UN Women's Presence in Africa







## Women's political participation

- Increased women's engagement in political processes
- Increase in # of countries adopting gender responsive Constitutions, national policies and laws

## Gender Responsive Budgeting and Planning

- Involvement of women in governance processes (Gender-responsive budgeting )

## Women's Economic Empowerment

- National Gender responsive affirmative procurement policies
- Accelerating women's access to markets, using digital technologies

## Ending Violence Against Women

- Virtual schools and second-chance education for girls
- Support to government to enact laws to end child marriages

## Women, Peace and Security/humanitarian response

- Increased number of National Action Plans
- Launch of African women's leadership network to strengthen peace and security in Africa
- Integrated gender into humanitarian response





# UN Women's Africa Strategy

Harnessing Gender Equality for People, Peace, and Prosperity in Africa



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## Our Future



# Why This Strategy?

**This strategy has been developed to:**

**Translate** UN Women's global SP into a contextual strategy for Africa;

**Unify** UN Women's work on the continent;

**Leverage** on shared experiences between all regions of Africa;

**Recognize** the need for diverse actions to respond to the different contexts in Africa.



# What Makes This Strategy Unique?



- Harmonizes UN Women's actions in achievement of the Goals and Aspirations of Africa's Agenda 2063 & Agenda 2030
- Allows for the three UN Women Regional offices in Africa to better align
- Integrates technical, advisory and policy support in partnership with member states, and other partners
- Allows each of the Regions to be the Center of Excellence in respective thematic areas,
- Ensures coordinated implementation using governance arrangements between the regional offices

## Agenda 2063 Aspirations

## 2030 Agenda SDGs

**Economic Empowerment** 

**Governance** 

**Peace & Security Humanitarian** 

**Ending VAWG** 



1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development
2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance.
3. An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law.
4. A peaceful and secure Africa.
5. An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics
6. An Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children.
7. Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner



- Desk Review
- Consultations with UN Women Staff at Country, Regional and HQ
- Dialogue with sister UN Agencies
- Interviews with key partners and stakeholders
- Discussions with the Africa Group



# What Have We Learnt Working in Africa?



An integrated Strategy in Africa would enhance synergies, coordination and learning for promoting GEWE on the continent



UNW's continued value-added is to simultaneously support the strengthening of global norms and standards and their implementation at the regional and national levels.



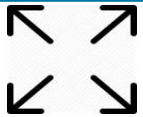
UNW has built strong partnerships with regional bodies. Need to continue support for greater results



Strong Women's movement enhances advocacy for GEWE



Need for human, capital, technologies, technical capacity to meet increasing demand in Africa



Despite progress on the WPS normative agenda, implementation and good practices have not been brought to scale.



Growing recognition of the need for gender-responsive humanitarian action has increased demand for UNW's engagement in this area

Women lead, participate in and benefit equally from decision making processes



Women have income security, decent work and economic autonomy

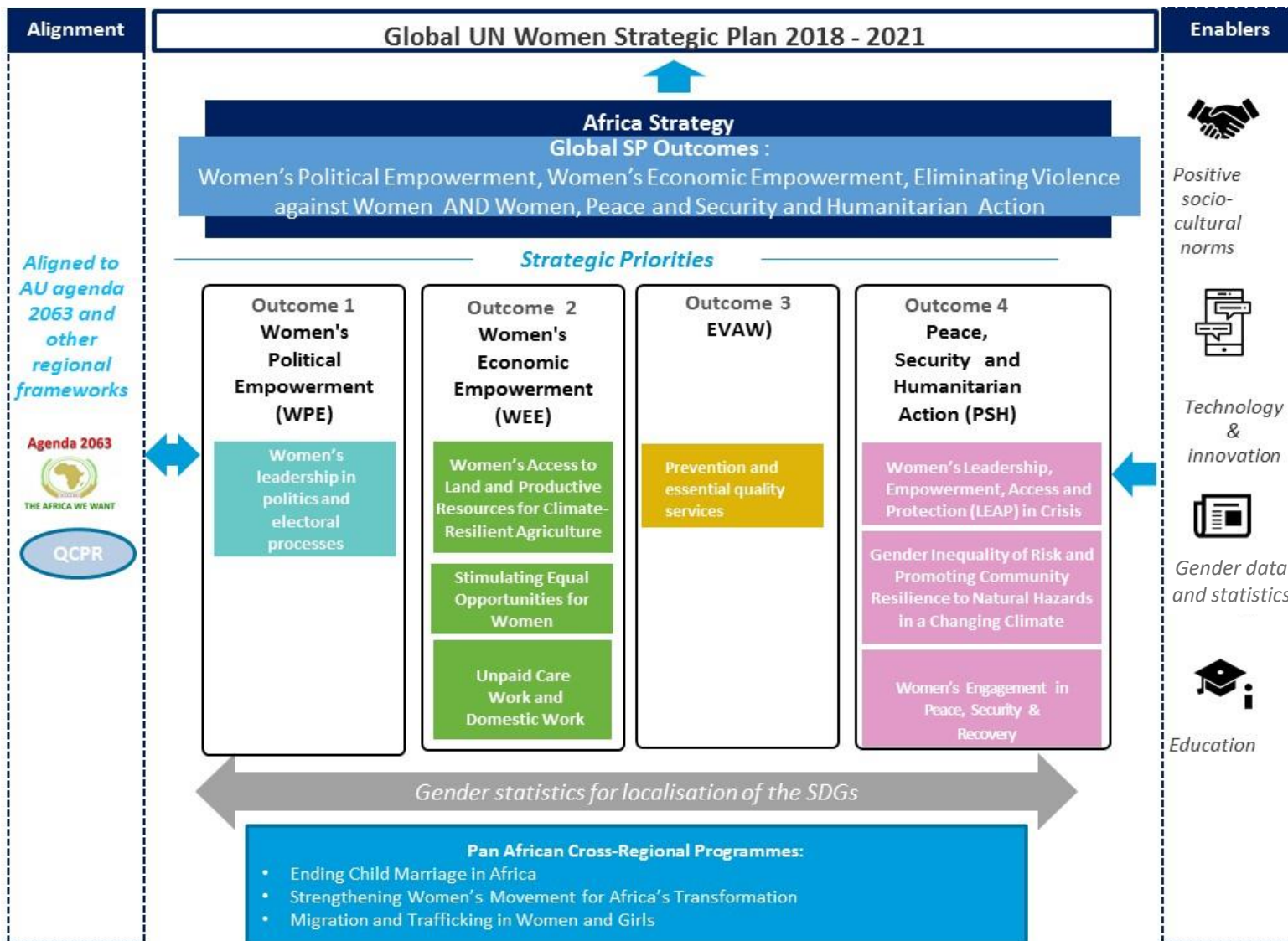


Women and girls live a life free from all forms of violence



Women and girls contribute to building sustainable peace and resilience, and benefit equally from humanitarian action







**An integrated, inclusive, peaceful, and prosperous Africa, where women, girls, boys and men, enjoy equal rights and opportunities**

**IF** women lead and participate in decision making at all levels, **IF** women, especially the poorest and most excluded are economically empowered and benefit from development, **IF** women live a life free of violence, and **IF** peace, security and humanitarian action are shaped by women’s leadership and participation, **THEN** the African continent will be more peaceful and integrated, and enjoy an inclusive prosperity,

**BECAUSE**

- I. Women’s human rights will be universally upheld as defined in numerous frameworks incl. CEDAW, Maputo Protocol, and women will have the necessary agency to determine their own lives;
- II. Gender responsive land tenure systems will be in place; gender responsive affirmative procurement policies will be in effect; women will have access to relevant skills and productive resources and care work will be recognized and regulated;
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- IV. An enabling legislative and policy environment will be in place and translated into action; favorable social norms, attitudes and behaviors will be promoted to prevent VAW; and women who experience violence will be empowered to use available, accessible & quality essential services & recover from violence
- V. Women’s agency, leadership and participation will be recognized and facilitated to enable them to rebuild their lives in situations of crisis, conflicts and disasters.

Women’s political participation and engagement in decision-making		Women’s economic empowerment			Ending Violence Against Women	Peace, security and humanitarian action		
Women’s leadership in politics	Production and use of gender statistics for evidence-based localization of the SDGs	Climate resilient agriculture	Affirmative procurement incl. in infrastructure	Decent work and income security	Prevention and essential quality services	Peace, security & recovery	Women’s leadership, empowerment, access and protection in crisis response (LEAP)	Addressing gender inequalities of risk

## Ending Child Marriage in Africa

- Leveraging various normative instruments e.g. Maputo protocol
- Policy engagement at regional level
- Advocacy and campaigns
- Partnerships with other UN Agencies e.g. UNICEF, UNFPA

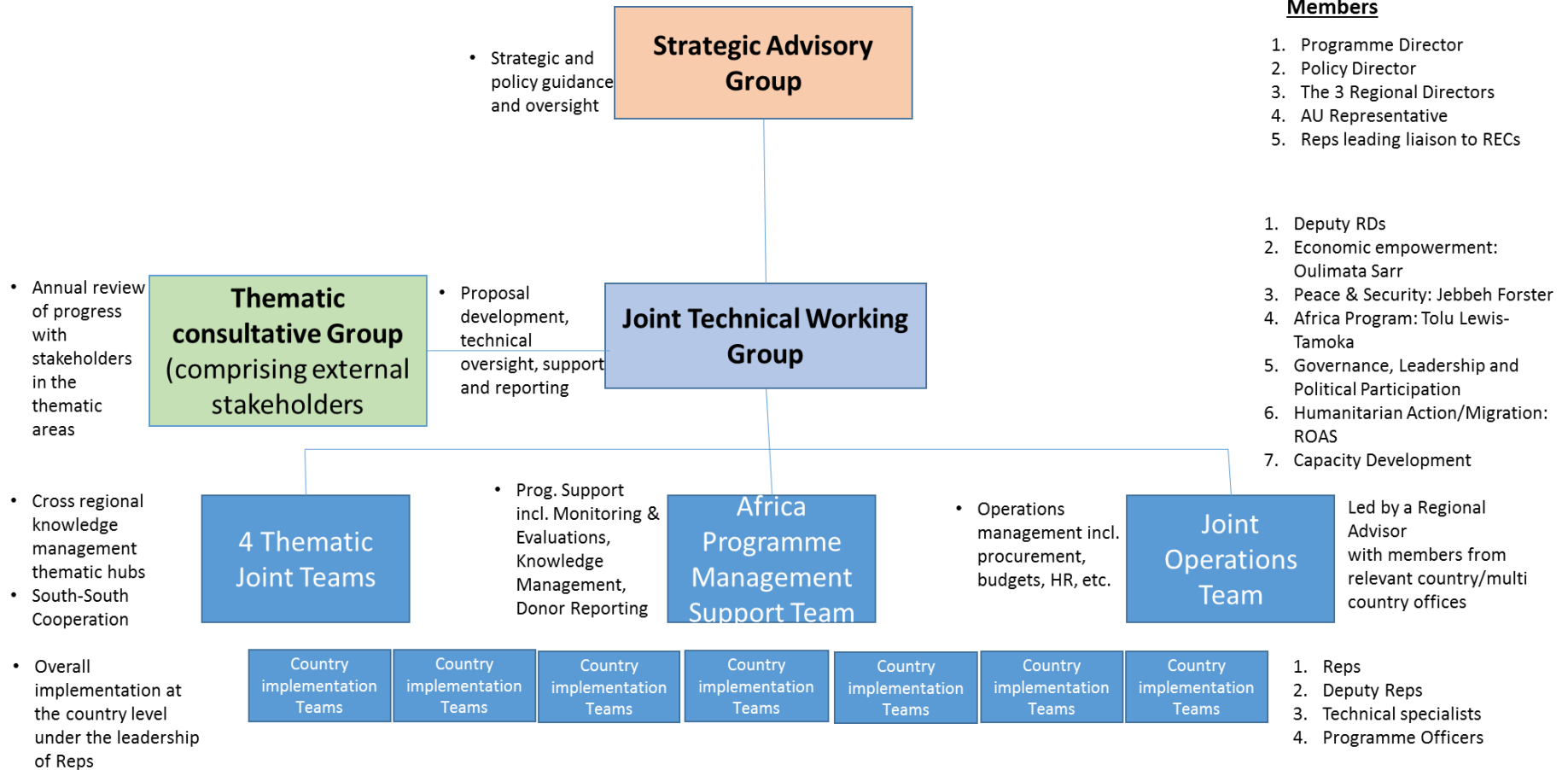
## Strengthening Women's Movement for Africa's Transformation

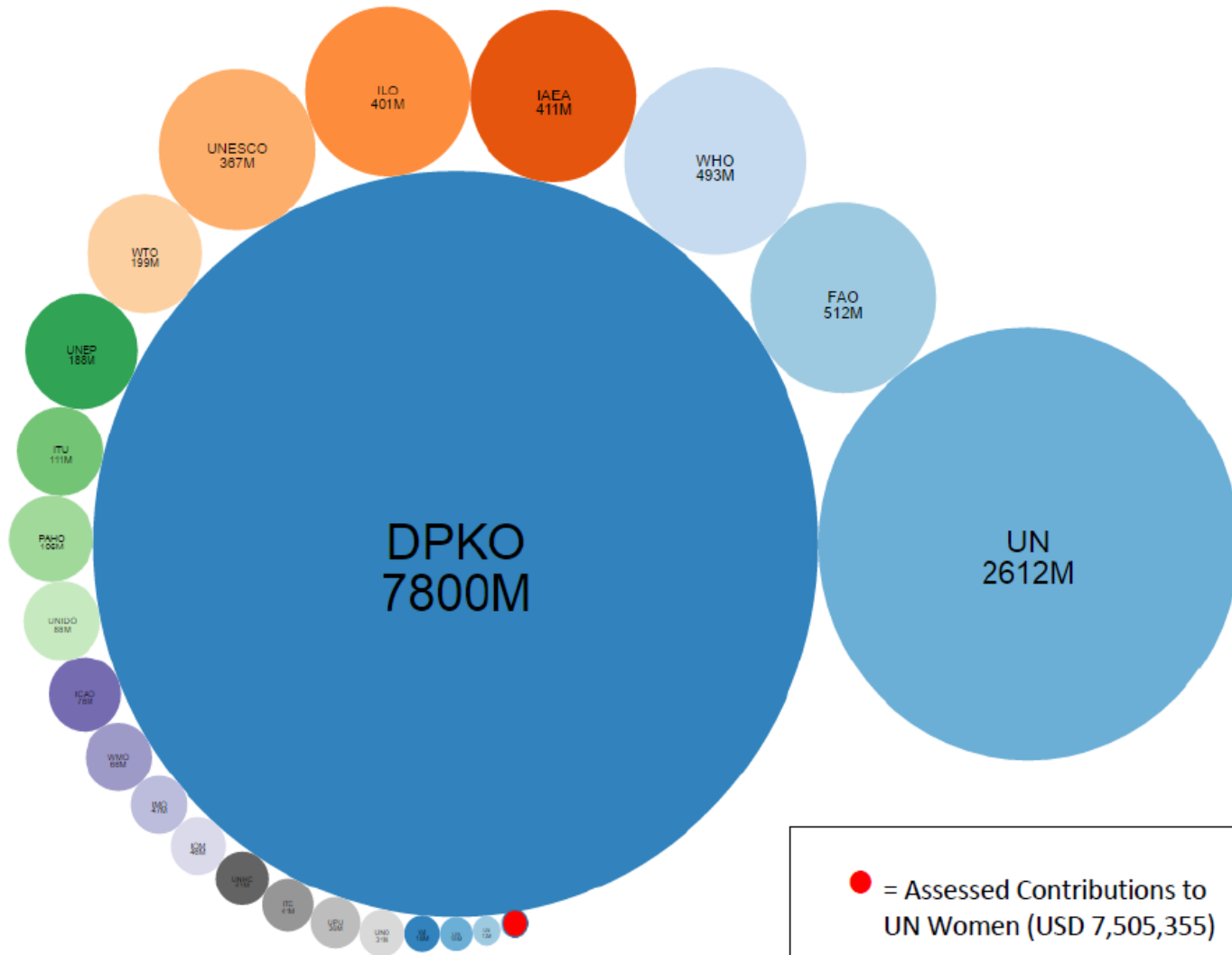
- Establish an Africa-wide CSO Advisory Group and strengthening of CSAGs
- The Africa Women's Leadership Network - a vehicle for supporting women's participation in elections, political processes, peace and security.
- Engaging women's organizations and networks beyond joint advocacy

## Migration and Trafficking in Women and Girls

- Engaging with member states on gender responsive migration laws
- Addressing the vulnerability of migrant and returnee women and girls
- Build a much-needed knowledge base for three levels of evidence-based interventions, to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration of women

# Implementation: Governance Structure





	IB/Core Budget	Non-Core	All funding
Africa	32.89 Mil	66.52 Mil	102 Mil
UNWOMEN	157.7 Mil	215 Mil	393.2 Mil



Thank You

