



UN Women Africa Strategy 2018 - 2021

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

UPDATE

(To The ExBo Africa Group)

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Agenda 2063 Aspirations

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2030 Agenda SDGs

Economic Empowerment



1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development

Governance



2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance.

Peace & Security Humanitarian



3. An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law.

4. A peaceful and secure Africa.

Ending VAWG



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

Agenda 2063 Aspirations

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REMINDER 2 – THE AAS THEORY OF CHANGE

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;*
- III) 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*
- IV) Women’s agency, leadership and participation will be recognized and facilitated to enable them to rebuild their lives in situations of crisis, conflicts and disaster*

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

REMINDER 3 - KEY OUTCOMES OF AAS



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



Women have **income security, decent work** and **economic autonomy**

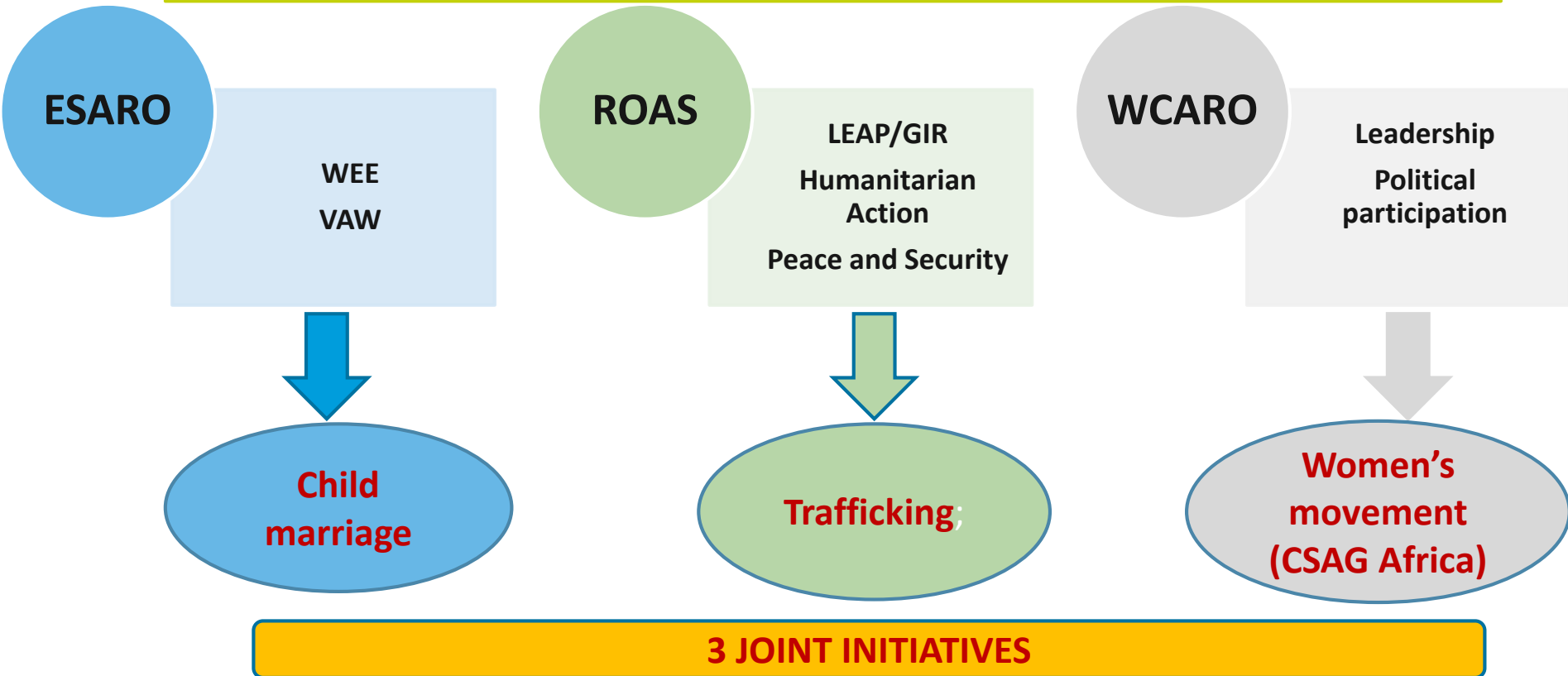


Women and girls live a life **free from** all forms of **violence**



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

OVERSIGHT ON CROSS-REGIONAL JOINT INITIATIVES



African Union office in Ethiopia

Coordination and Reporting on Africa Normative Frameworks (AU, CSW, AWLN etc.)

Selected Achievement

ROAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence based policy and programme recommendations (10,000 surveyed in 4 countries) for national actors, on men's attitudes and perceptions on GE to inform national programmes and policies to advance GEWE.
WCARO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> capacity of female politicians were enhanced by UN Women in partnership with Alliance for Africa (AFA) under the FGE programme in all the 5 states South East in Nigeria & a Network of women in parliament was formed in the quarter resulting from the high-level consultation with UN Women.
ESARO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial progress in the levels of women's political participation, with the average percentage of women in parliament increased from 9.8 per cent to 23.6 per cent (2017). Guiding policy and programme actions at country level & support to regional Commissions to hold governments accountable for attainment of regional and SDG targets Development of strategy for women and elections

Selected Achievement

ESARO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework for Peace and Security, & technical support to COs in rolling out comprehensive assessments (Somalia, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi) • Identification of key Humanitarian Gender Gaps and recommendations, and provision of (& access to) evidence based knowledge on gender responsive humanitarian action
WCARO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of UNISS for Sahel and education of donors on concrete WPS & Humanitarian work in Cameroon and Mali • Guidance to IOM on gender and peacebuilding in bordering counties, training on mediation, negotiation and peacebuilding for 1200 women • Support to country's development & establishment of R1325 NAP (Mali, Cape Verde and Chad)
ROAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of accountability frameworks on WPS, Passage of a technically strong NAP 1325, and establishment of the Arab League's Women's Crisis Committee, to respond to women's needs in conflict and crisis. • 26 women trained on conflict resolution and gender conflict analysis, to engage in national conflict resolution or mapping processes

Selected Achievement

ESARO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption & implementation of national and regional plans, legislations, and budgets, building the evidence base on WEE & knowledge products – cost of gender gap in agriculture • Platform to discuss policy implementation for women in the Energy sector • Affirmative Public procurement legislation Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Botswana
WCARO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sahel Climate resilience plan of action (joint projects 4 agencies in 4 countries), followed by global consensus at Paris summit • On-site practical training for 2,000 women farmers in Mali and Guinea Bissau, including with funding from AfDB and Luxembourg
ROAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with Arab League, CS for inclusive dialogue and policy change, bringing the most excluded women closer to the labour market and paid economic activities.

Focus Countries		Selected Achievement
Child Marriage	DRC, Egypt, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Tanzania	AU Compendium of Laws across Africa; Multi-country Analytical Study of Legislation, Policies, Interventions & Cultural Practices on Child Marriage (10)
Trafficking in Persons	Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan, Somalia, Mali, (Egypt), Niger, Cape Verde, Uganda	Study on National Responses & Strategies to Combat & Eliminate Trafficking in Persons (TIP) & Forced Migration (18)

Focus Countries		Selected Achievement
Women's Movement	Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, Morocco, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Somalia, Mali, Senegal, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Mauritania, DRC, Cameroon, Comoros, South Sudan, Swaziland, Mozambique, Botswana, Malawi, Zimbabwe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of AWLN New York, Addis - Assessment of the State of Women's Movement in Africa
Gender & Statistics	Pilots- Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda	Partnerships with National Bureau of Statistics
SDGs	ALL with RECS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnerships with SDGCA; Africa Monitor - Monitor of progress

Interventions	Focus Countries
Child Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement with traditional and cultural leaders (males & Females) through 4 sub regional consultations - AU led consultation and declaration by traditional & cultural leaders to end Child marriage - Engagement in AU Girls Summit in Ghana
Trafficking in Persons	<p>Development of Plan of Action in partnership with IOM, UNODC, Member states</p>
Women's Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decentralize AWLN to national chapters - Support high level missions to countries in conflict - Engage with AU women mediators- FEMWISE

Interventions		Focus Countries
Youth Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold Africa Youth Conference (UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF, OHCHR, UNE) - Support Youth Action Plan 	
Domestic Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch 5 country study - Plan implementation based on study outcomes 	
USAF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disseminate results of study - Engage with selected member states for advocacy for resourcing GEWE initiatives from mobile phone taxes 	

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM THE AFRICA GROUP?

Advocacy Support	Timeline
In the ExBo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage in UNDS reform discussions - Advocate for the continued presence of UN Women - Advocate for increased resources for UN Women from the UN kitty
In General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate & lobby to other member states for the continued presence of UN Women - Advocate for resources for GEWE - Advocate for UN Women as partner of choice for GEWE

THANK YOU!!!

