

HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNSCR 1325
THEME: ADVANCING THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY (WPS) AGENDA
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, PARTNERSHIPS AND CONCRETE ACTION BEYOND 2020
NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 1, 2020 | 16:00 TO 18:30 HRS (ADDIS ABABA TIME/GMT+3)

PROGRAMME AGENDA - DAY 1		
TIME	SESSION/TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00 – 16:05	Welcome remarks	Moderator: Zain Asher
16:05 – 16:25	Opening session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Hanna Tetteh, UN Under-Secretary-General and Head of UNOAU 2. H.E. Mme. Bineta Diop, AUC Special Envoy on Women Peace and Security 3. H.E. Hans Henric Lundquist, Ambassador of Sweden to Ethiopia 4. H.E. Audun Halvorsen, State Secretary, Kingdom of Norway
16:25 – 16:30	Setting the meeting Session objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a platform for African women to engage and share their experiences and chart concrete actions beyond 2020. 2. Strengthen partnerships for delivering the WPS agenda in realizing the aspirations set in the AU’s flagship initiative ‘Silencing the Guns in Africa.’ 3. Identify concrete actions to strengthen accountability in the implementation of the WPS agenda in the region. 	Moderator shares session objectives, format and housekeeping rules
TOPIC #1: WOMEN’S MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND NATION BUILDING		
16:30 – 17:00	Discussion: Existing challenges women in Africa faced in participation in peace processes and state-building. (10 minutes)	H.E. Hope Kivengere, Member on the APRM Panel of Eminent Persons, Member of the COMESA Committee of Elders charged with observing elections and also mediation, and a member of FemWise Africa
	Reflections: Link between broadening the space to engage women and girls in localization efforts and sustainable development. (10 minutes)	H.E. Catherine Mwangi, Ambassador of Kenya to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union
	Comments and Q&A (10 minutes)	Moderator/ All participants

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TOPIC #2: WOMEN’S PROTECTION AND PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW)		
17:00 – 17:30	Discussion: Key factors that perpetuate VAW on the continent. (10 minutes)	Dr. Obiageli Ezekwesili, Co-founder of the #BringBackOurGirls Movement
	Discussion: VAW in politics using Digital Media. (10 minutes)	Gemima Neves Barlow, National Democratic Institute Deputy Regional Director for Southern and East Africa
	Comments and Q&A (10 minutes)	Moderator/ All participants
17:30 – 17:35 TRANSITION INTO BREAK-OUT/ INTERACTIVE SESSIONS (5 MINUTES)		
17:35 – 18:05	<p>Group One: Women’s Meaningful Participation for Sustainable Peace and Nation Building</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are the existing implementation gaps that need to be addressed to increase the opportunity and/ or create an opportunity for women from different walks of life to participate in conflict resolution and prevention, peace and nation building? What are key steps needed to enhance women’s participation in conflict resolution and prevention, peace and nation building? <p>Group Two: Women’s Protection and Prevention of VAW</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are the existing implementation gaps in preventing and addressing VAW in conflict setting? What can be done differently to address and prevent VAW in Africa? 	<p align="center">Group One Moderator</p> <p align="center">Elizabeth Eilor, Gender Advisor, United Nations Officer to the African Union (UNOAU) & The Office of the UN Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa</p> <p align="center">Group Two Moderator</p> <p align="center">Dr. Yemisi Akinbobola, Co-founder & CEO, African Women in Media</p>
18:05 – 18:25	Group Presentation: (10 minutes for each group presentation)	Moderator for each group
18:25 – 18:30	Wrap up	Moderator

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PROGRAMME AGENDA - DAY 2		
16:00 – 16:05	Welcome remarks	Moderator: Zain Asher
16:05 – 16:15	Opening session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Ambassador Minata, Cessouma, AUC Commissioner for Political Affairs 2. H.E. Hanna Tetteh, UN Under-Secretary-General and Head of UNOAU
TOPIC # 3: STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WPS AGENDA		
16:15 – 16:55	Discussion: The role of CSOs in shaping public and government agenda and creating the political will for action (10 minutes)	Martha Tukahirwa, Regional Advocacy and Communications Officer, Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA Network)
	Discussion: The main roadblocks to implementation of the existing normative frameworks and National Action Plans on WPS in Africa. (10 minutes)	H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaiwah, Deputy Prime Minister of Namibia (TBC)
	Reflection: Strengthening responsiveness and accountability frameworks for WPS. (10 minutes)	Päivi Kannisto, Chief, Peace and Security Section, UN Women
	Comments and Q&A (10 minutes)	Moderator/ All participants
TOPIC #4: STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP FOR ACCELERATED IMPLEMENTATION OF WPS AGENDA		
16:55 – 17:35	Discussion On The importance of Engaging the Youth and Promoting Intergenerational dialogue on WPS in promoting sustainable peace in Africa. (10 minutes)	Mohamed Edabbar, AU Youth Ambassador For Peace (AYAP)
	Discussion On Why partnership matters for effective implementation of WPS agenda beyond 2020? (10 minutes)	Hester Adriana Paneras, Head of Institutional and Operational Partnership Service, UNOAU
	Reflection: Member states role and responsibility in strengthening mechanism for better implementation of WPS agenda. (10 minutes)	H.E. Osama Abdel Khalek. Ambassador of Egypt to the African Union
	Comments and Q&A (10 minutes)	Moderator/ All participants

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17:35 – 17:40	TRANSITION INTO BREAK-OUT/ INTERACTIVE SESSIONS (5 MINUTES)	
17:40 – 18:10	<p>Group One: Strengthening Accountability for Implementation of WPS Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How to strengthen accountability to ensure women’s participation and protection, enhance prevention of VAW and address women’s special needs in conflict resolution, prevention, relief and recovery and state building? How to strengthen women civil societies at national and regional levels to act as agents of change in promoting women, peace and security agenda? <p>Group Two: Strengthening Partnership for Accelerated Implementation of WPS Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How to promote inter-generational dialogue on WPS agenda in the region? What actions should be taken to scale up commitments and investments to WPS agenda as well as enhance partnership and coordination at national, regional and global levels? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Group One Moderator</p> <p>Elizabeth Eilor, Gender Advisor, United Nations Officer to the African Union (UNOAU) & The Office of the UN Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group Two Moderator</p> <p>Dr. Yemisi Akinbobola, Co-founder & CEO, African Women in Media</p>
18:10 – 18:30	Group Presentation: (10 minutes per group)	Moderator for each group
18:30 – 18:40	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Ambassador Minata Cessouma, AUC Commissioner for Political Affairs H.E. Hanna Tetteh, UN Under-Secretary-General and Head of UNOAU
18:40 – 18:45	Wrap up	Moderator

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