



The role of African women in meeting the challenges of peace, security and development

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*The Committee of African Women Parliamentarians of the African Parliamentary Union,
meeting on October 7, 2024 in N'Djamena (Chad),*

Aware of discriminatory laws and inequalities against women,

Considering the limited access of women to resources, such as land and credit,

Stressing that violence against women is an endemic problem affecting their security and their ability to participate in public life,

Noting that gender inequalities remain a major obstacle to the involvement of women,

Stressing the limited access of women to the education necessary for a more active role,

Concerned by the problems related to food, health and environmental security in Africa,

Considering the importance of the role of African women in the face of the challenges of peace, security and development,

Taking into account the analyses made on the issue by the African Union, which has aligned its sustainable development objectives with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

Noting the initiatives of institutions such as UNESCO, UN Women and certain international organizations,

Proposes the following recommendations to the 46th Conference:

- 1- Implement measures to support African women in their role in promoting peace, security and development;
- 2- Invest in girls' education and economic empowerment: African governments must continue to invest in girls' education, particularly in rural areas, to enable them to develop the skills needed to participate fully in the economy. In addition, microfinance and skills development programs must be strengthened to enable women to create and manage businesses;

- 3- Strengthen women's inclusion in peace processes: African governments and international organizations must commit to systematically including women at all levels of peace negotiations and reconciliation processes;
- 4- Promote human security through women's empowerment: it is essential to strengthen local initiatives that enable women to play an active role in the security of their communities. This includes supporting women's networks for conflict prevention and the promotion of human rights;
- 5- Improve African women's access to economic resources and land ownership: land policies must be reformed to ensure that women have equal rights to land ownership. In addition, access to credit must be facilitated for women entrepreneurs, so that they can invest in income-generating activities;
- 6- Develop sustainable and resilient quality infrastructure, and promote inclusive industrialization. Support technological innovation and research;
- 7- Eradicate hunger and enhance food security by supporting sustainable agriculture and increasing agricultural production;
- 8- Improve maternal health, reduce child mortality and combat diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and strengthen quality health care systems accessible to all;
- 9- Take measures to combat climate change and its impacts;
- 10- Promote gender equality and empower all women and girls, combat gender-based violence and promote the participation of African women at all levels of society;
- 11- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all;
- 12- Strengthen institutions at all levels to be effective and inclusive;
- 13- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development;
- 14- Mobilize financial and technical resources to achieve the objectives in a long-term vision that aims to transform Africa into an integrated continent;
- 15- End impunity for perpetrators of sexual violence in conflict and strengthen protection measures for women and girls;
- 16- Promote the voice of African women in the media, particularly on issues related to peace, security and development;
- 17- Raise awareness of gender stereotypes in the media and encourage gender-sensitive journalism;

- 18- Support local initiatives led by African women that promote peace and sustainable development;
 - 19- Strengthen the capacities of African women to actively participate in governance and decision-making;
 - 20- Integrate gender issues into education to promote equality and women's participation in conflict resolution and development;
 - 21- Encourage education systems to train young women leaders capable of contributing to peace and development;
 - 22- Strengthen collaboration between United Nations entities to promote the role of African women in peace and security.
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