

**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW) 65
AFRICA PRE-CSW65 VIRTUAL-CONSULTATION
Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 February 2021 (Experts Segment)
11.00am – 3.00pm Addis Time**

AGENDA

DAY 1

TIME	ACTIVITY	Moderator of the opening ceremony: Dr Tapiwa Nyasulu Rweyemamu Head of Division, Africa Union Commission-Women, Gender Youth Directorate (AUC-WGDD)
11:00 – 11:15	Official Opening of Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming Remarks by Ms. Lehau Victoria Maloka, Ag. Director, Africa Union Commission - Women, Gender and Youth Directorate (AUC-WGYD) - Remarks by Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) - Remarks by Ms. Oulimata SAAR, Regional Director, UN Women West and Central Africa Region (WCAR) - Opening Statement, Mme Memouna Baboni Yacoubou, Chairperson, Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, Republic of Benin
11:15 – 11:30	Adoption of Agenda and Agreement on Africa CSW65 Drafting Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mme Memouna Baboni Yacoubou, Chairperson, Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, Republic of Benin
11:30 – 12:00	Commission on the Status of Women (CSW): Mandate, Organisation, update on the Preparation for CSW65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Anne Githuku-Shongwe, Representative, Southern Africa Multi-Country Office (SAMCO), UN Women
12:00 – 13:00	Presentation of the key issues for CSW 65 (SGs report) <i>Moderated session</i>	<p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Fatou Sow SARR: Gender Expert - Ms. Jebbeh FOSTER, Regional Advisor, Governance and Women’s Political Participation, UN Women - Ms. ANGELA NAKAFEERO, 1st Vice-Chairperson, Specialized Technical Committee on Gender Equality and

		<p>Women's Empowerment, Republic of Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, UNECA
13.00 – 13:30	TEA/LUNCH BREAK	
13.30 –13:45	Presentation of CSO statement	Ms. Memory Kachambwa , Executive Director, Africa Women's Development and Communication Network FEMNET
13:45-14:00	Statement by a Youth Representative	Ms. Karen Ondwasi , Chairperson, Gender is my Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Youth Network
14:00 -15:30	<p>Breakout sessions: Discussions on key messages for CSW 65 priority theme for Africa. (5 breakout rooms)</p> <p>Guiding questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the best practices on the implementation legal and policy frameworks to achieve women's effective participation in public life 2. What are the persistent barriers with regard to women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life? 3. Violence against women in public life is increasing, what measures have been taken/could be taken for preventing, investigating and punishing acts of violence against women in public life in your country? 4. Key recommendations on the way forward to improve implementation 	<p>STC Bureau Members from Each Region to facilitate the 5 working groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East African countries: Room I - Southern African countries: Room II - Central African countries: Room III - West African Countries: Room IV - North Africa Countries: Room V <p><i>Moderator: Member states (TBC)</i> <i>*UN Women to support with rapporteurship</i></p>
15:30-16:00	Presentation of Plenary Groups	<p>Presenters of Breakout Groups</p> <p>Moderator: Mme Memouna Baboni Yacoubou Chairperson of AU-STC on GEWE Bureau- Benin</p>
16:00 – 16:10	Closing of Day 1	<p>Ms. Victoria Maloka, Acting Director- WGDD, AUC</p> <p>Ms. Letty Chiwara, Representative to Ethiopia, AUC and ECA, UN Women</p>

DAY 2

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN CHARGE
11:00-11:15	Welcome and run down of agenda for the day	Ms. Sussane Mikhail , Regional Director, North Africa and Arab States, UN Women
11:15 – 12:00	Update on Negotiations on the CSW65 Agreed Conclusions – Emerging Issues and Africa Positioning	Algeria – Africa CSW65 Bureau Member Kenya – Former CSW Africa Facilitator <i>Q & A</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Presentation and discussion of the DRAFT Common Africa Position (CAP) on CSW 65 priority theme	<i>Presenter:</i> STC Bureau Rapporteur Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) <i>Moderator:</i> Mme Memouna Baboni Yacoubou Chair of AU-STC on GEWE Bureau-(Benin)
13:00 - 13:45	TEA/LUNCH BREAK	
13:45 -15:45	Presentation, discussion of the DRAFT Common Africa Position (CAP) (<i>Continued</i>)	<i>Presenter:</i> STC Bureau Rapporteur Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) <i>Moderator:</i> Mme Memouna Baboni Yacoubou Chair of AU-STC on GEWE Bureau-(Benin)
15:45 - 16:00	Closing remarks	Ms Keiso Matashane-Marite , Gender Affairs Officer, GPSPD, UNECA Ms. Victoria Maloka , Ag. Director, WGDD, AUC Ms. Roberta Clarke , Regional Director East and Southern Africa, UN Women. Mme Memouna Baboni Yacoubou AU – STC on GEWE Bureau Chairperson

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