



focus on promoting a more transformational leadership programme for African women as opposed to simply widening the reach of the AWLI to as many women as possible.

Advocacy and policy influence at national, regional and international levels

The advocacy activities of AMwA have enabled it to gain recognition in a variety of sectors, including the international voluntary sector, the United Nations family, African Regional bodies, governmental and inter governmental organizations and amongst funding bodies.

Policy influence is mainly done through; policy analysis; networking and partnerships with regional organisations in Africa, the wider women's movement; government and development partners; advocacy and lobbying to place the voices and perspectives of African women on relevant agenda and with in policy regimes at all levels.



Regional Movement Building

AMwA is involved in building regional movements for collective advocacy through the AWLI Alumni (**AMwAZons**), this is done by supporting them and building networks. This also serves to strengthen feminism and build synergy.



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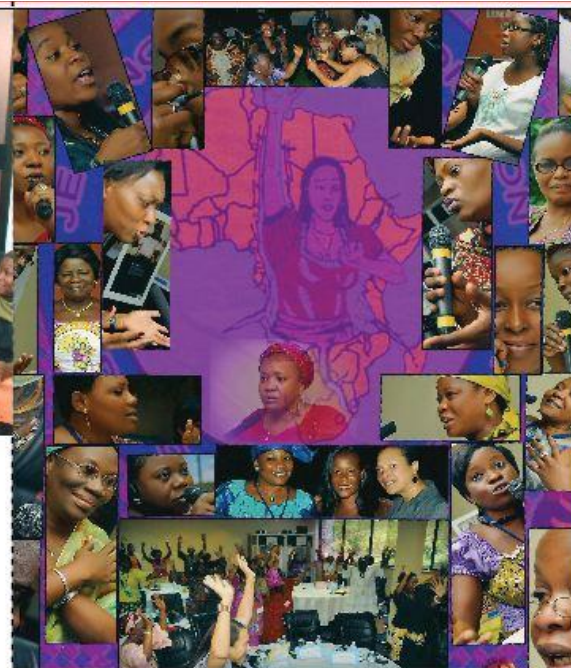
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AKINA MAMA wa AFRIKA

Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMwA) is an international, Pan-African, non-governmental development organisation for African women with its Head Office in Kampala, Uganda. AMwA was established in 1985 as a small community-based organisation, which sought to create a space for African women to organise autonomously, network with each other, share skills and expertise, identify issues of concern and speak for themselves, which was essential considering their position as migrants and refugees in the UK.





Translated from Swahili, our name symbolises the principles of sisterhood: **'Solidarity among African Women'**. AMwA's ethos is **'Speaking for Ourselves'**.

In recognition of its work AMwA has consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council that focuses on women's leadership development and policy-influencing in the UK, Europe and Africa. AMwA's aim is to provide solidarity, support, awareness, and to build links with African women active in the areas of their own development. For the past 25 years, AMwA has actively supported initiatives to strengthen links with the women's movement in Africa.

AMwA's success in creating space for African women to organise, build links with each other and speak for themselves, has contributed to her being recognised as international development NGOs led by African women and run for African women, both on the continent and in Europe.

The organisation's overall goal is to contribute to African women "speaking for themselves" against patriarchy as a system of male authority which legitimizes the oppression of women through political, social, economic, cultural and religious institutions.

Vision

AMwA envisions a world in which African women are socially, economically & politically autonomous & are champions of change in their lives and society

Mission Statement

Akina Mama wa Afrika is a dynamic, cutting edge African feminist organisation that contributes to the full equality of all African women by strengthening their individual and collective leadership and by forming strategic partnerships to tackle patriarchy and promote a just and secure Africa.

What we do

Women's Leadership Development Program

AMwA builds the leadership Capacities of African women through her flagship programme the **African Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI)** that has been in existence since 1997. The purpose of the programme is to establish sustained leadership development for African women through the mechanism of the African Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI) and to develop a strong cadre of women leaders at the personal and collective level. Through her flagship programme the African Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI), AMwA has trained young African women aged between 25 and 40 at regional, subregional and national levels. AWLI has 'raised the bar' of African women leaders by equipping them with skills and knowledge to enhance their effective engagement. Since its inception in 1997, over 3,000 young women have undergone training and have been very instrumental in active lobbying and advocacy for policy and practice changes in the various regions and countries. Many alumni have gone on to occupy positions of leadership in their countries and in the various African regions. In cognisance of the above, AMwA's new strategy is to