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Transforming Policy into Action:
Advancing Gender Justice and
Reparations for Africans with Regional
Economic Committees

7th – 9th July 2025– Malabo,
Equatorial Guinea



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I. Preamble



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We, the participants of the 7th Gender is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) coordination meeting with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the 14th GIMAC Young Women Advocacy Training, held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from 7th to 9th July 2025, on the margins of the 7th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), convened under the theme: "Transforming Policy into Action: Advancing Gender Justice and Reparations for Africans with Regional Economic Committees", and in alignment with the AU Theme of the Year 2025: "Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations":

WE COMMEND the Heads of State and Government and the Chairperson of African Union, for prioritising the call for reparations for colonialism, slavery, and systemic racial injustices

WE RECOGNIZE the efforts made by the African Union particularly the Women, Gender and Youth Directorate (WGYD) in advancing "Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations": and deliberately supporting gender-responsive reparative justice efforts.

WE APPLAUD the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, particularly the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa, for its continued efforts in advancing reparative justice and for its persistent monitoring of state compliance and accountability.

WE RECOGNIZE the efforts of AU Member States, the circle of champions as well as the Office of the Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security (OSE-WPS) in advancing national initiatives that align with the Convention on ending violence against women and girls (CEVAWG) and other reparative frameworks as part of their commitment to transformative justice.

WE COMMEND Regional Economic Communities (RECs) including the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD), the East African Community (EAC), the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) for commencing regional consultations on reparations, land justice, and economic redistribution.

***RECALLING* the 1993 Abuja Proclamation, the 2001 Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, and the 2021 Accra Declaration on Reparations, which all affirm the moral and legal imperative for reparations and redress.**

FURTHER RECALLING

- United Nations General Assembly Resolution 68/237, proclaiming the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024 and 2025–2035), and its pillars of recognition, justice, and development.
- The UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law.
- The progress that has been made in the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) since its adoption in 2004 (SDGEA).
- The AU Transitional Justice Policy (AUTJP), which promotes truth, justice, and reparations as pillars of post-conflict recovery.
- Agenda 2063, particularly Aspiration 6, for a people-driven Africa grounded in the full empowerment of women and youth.

We *NOTE* the continued gendered impacts of colonial and neo-colonial extractive systems, illicit financial flows, and unjust debt arrangements that limit the sovereignty and development of African nations.

ACKNOWLEDGE WITH URGENCY less than 15 AU Member States have signed the AU Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (CEVAWG), preventing its entry into force.

CALL ON the AU and its Member States to adopt a common African position on reparations that is inclusive of women's historical and contemporary demands.

CONSIDERING that reparations must be comprehensive and gender-transformative, encompassing truth-telling, restitution, compensation, guarantees of non-repetition, and healing.

EMPHASIZING reparative justice must address land and climate justice, economic restructuring, health and education sovereignty, and positive masculinity frameworks.

FURTHER EMPHASISING the centrality of community-led monitoring, youth accountability, and survivor-centered reparations funds.

To ensure reparations and justice for African women, girls, and people of African descent, we call on the African Union and its Member States to:

1- Establish gender responsive reparations funds and a youth and women Advisory group on reparations that recognise collective and intergenerational harm.

2-Accelerate ratification and implementation of the AU Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (CEVAWG) by mobilizing political will, domestic resources and multi-stakeholder coordination that includes REC- led continental campaign and strengthened CSO engagement in monitoring and contributing to the process.

3- Take a common position on reparations that will redress the injustice against women and ensure that the dividend of reparations is channelled towards economic empowerment of women, taking into consideration the effects of climate, land justice and upholding of the gender parity principle of the African Union in decision making processes.

4-Prioritize skills development through investments in gender-responsive Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and alternative education pathways that equip young women and girls with 21st-century skills, as well as STEM, for sustainable livelihoods.

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