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**International Women’s Month 2022**

**Egumeni Session**

**Theme: "**Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow**”**

**When:**31st March 2022                                **Time:** 15h00 - 17h00 (GMT+3)

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| **Agenda** | | | |
| **Time** | **Duration** | **Activity** | **Moderator** |
| 14:55 -15:00 | 5 mins | Song: Earth Song  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAi3VTSdTxU](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v%253DXAi3VTSdTxU%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;source%3Deditors%26amp;ust%3D1647949586218860%26amp;usg%3DAOvVaw3vx8-N4nyFh6soyT9w8bQd&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1647949586414668&usg=AOvVaw24Xo7pzN8IrgHyrX1R8VIH) | Tech |
| 15:00 - 15:05 | 05 mins | Opening and Introduction by **Dr Edward Addai, UNICEF Representative to the AU and ECA** | Rewan / AUC |
| 15:00 - 15:10 | 05 mins | Opening Remarks:**H.E. Bineta Diop (AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace, and Security)** |
| 15:10 -15:15 | 05 mins | Video: Behind the Missions (DCP) | Tech |
| 15:20 -15:30 | 05 mins  05 mins | Keynote Speech: **H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission**  Keynote Speech:**Mme Awa Ndiaye Seck, UN Women Special Representative to AU and UNECA** | Rewan / AUC |
| 15:30-15:35 | 05 mins | Virtual game with panellists | Janice /AUC |
| 15:35 -15:55 | 15 mins | **Deep Dive 1: Climate Change and Financial and Economic  Inclusion**   * What climate mitigation and adaptation policies in particular exist towards improving women’s financial inclusion  and advancing economic justice on the continent?  **Sara Eliasson, Junior Professional Officer in Climate Change Programme Management, RCC Uganda** * What's the role of CSOs in bridging the financial inclusion gap in climate change and advancing economic justice? **Dr**. **Melania Chiponda, Human Rights Defender based in focusing on women’s economic, social and cultural rights, particularly women living in rural areas** * How can the economic empowerment of women foster low-carbon sustainable development and poverty reduction, and increase the potential for adaptation on the African continent? **Elena Ruiz Abril, UN Women’s Regional Policy Advisor for Women’s Economic Empowerment for West and Central Africa** | Rewan / AUC |
| 15:55 -16:00 | 05 mins | Happy International Women’s Month Video | Tech |
| 16:00 - 16:15 | 15 mins | **Deep Dive 2: Climate Change and Food Security**   * What challenges does climate change pose to food security? **Vere Shaba, Founder and CEO of Greendesign Africa** * Women are an essential asset in the fight against climate change. Why is gender equality the missing link between food security and climate change? **S.E. Zahra KAMIL ALI, Représentante permanente de l’Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie auprès de l’Union Africaine** * Which gender-responsive strategies, policies, and programs do we leverage as best practices for advancing sustainable consumption and production, including fostering regenerative food and agricultural systems within the continent? **Dr. Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director of the  Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC** | Janice / AUC |
| 16:15 - 16:25 | 10 mins | Q & A Session | Janice / AUC |
| 16:25 - 16: 30 | 05 mins | **Closing Session:**  Key messages, actions and recommendations by **Dr. Rewan Youssif, Youth Division, AUC** |
| 16:30 -16:40 | 10  mins | Closing remarks by  **Ms. Victoria Maloka, Head of Coordination and Outreach Division, AUC** | Rewan / AUC |
| Music!!! | | | |