



Call for Applications for Women Leaders to become a member of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Ethiopia Chapter

Are you a successful Ethiopian woman leader in government, non-governmental organizations, private sector, international organizations, academia, arts and media, **sports or any other field**? Are you an advocate for women's rights and gender equality? Do you have a long and established culture of volunteerism and contribution to a social cause? Have you come up with innovative approaches and technologies in your fields? Are you a young woman showing promise in leadership? This Call for Application is for you.

What is the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)?

The African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) is a ground-breaking movement of African women leaders. It is a joint initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC) and the United Nations through the Office of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). AWLN was launched in New York in 2017. The Network comprises of over 200 women leaders in media, politics, diplomatic corps, academics, research, civil society, private sector, young women, rural women and women in the diaspora. The network has the objective of enhancing the leadership of women with thematic focus on development, governance, peace and stability, economic empowerment and women's access to finance. In addition to the global structure, there are regional chapters in line with the regional communities in the five regions of Africa. There are also national chapters established based on country contexts. To date, there are 25 African countries which have launched national chapters, including Ethiopia.

The AWLN Ethiopian Chapter

The foundations for the Ethiopian chapter of the AWLN were laid in a consultative meeting organized by UN Women and the Ministry of Women, Children and Youth in August, 2019. During the consultative meeting, the need for establishing a national chapter was agreed upon with the aim of consolidating the achievements made in enhancing women's participation in Ethiopia. During the consultative meeting, a Steering Committee to facilitate the launching of the Ethiopian chapter was formed. The committee was composed of women leaders from government (including the minister and State minister of MoWCY), CSOs, private sector, academics, youth and veteran leaders.

The AWLN Ethiopia chapter was launched at a high-level event on October 21, 2019 in the presence of Excellencies President of the FDRE Sahle-Work Zewde, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed, UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Supreme Court President Meaza Ashenafi and other high-level dignitaries from the government, the UN system and African Union and as well as Ethiopian women leaders at all levels. The colourful ceremony was held at Sheraton Addis Hotel.

The Steering Committee of the national chapter supported by the Ministry of Women, and Social Affairs and UN Women Ethiopia is planning on expanding the membership of the AWLN Ethiopia chapter and establishing the Ethiopian Young Women Leaders' Caucus (Youth Caucus) under the auspices of AWLN-Ethiopia Chapter. To this effect, the AWLN Steering committee has prepared this call for application for women leaders from different sectors and community level.

Disclaimer

As the membership for the AWLN Ethiopia chapter is limited, applications do not guarantee acceptance. The Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, UN Women and the Steering Committee will assess the applications and make decisions based on the selection criteria.

Who Should Apply?

1. Ethiopian women with proven track record within different organizations (government, civil society organizations, private sector, international organizations, academics, media and arts, sports and any other fields)
2. Ethiopian women with measurable contributions towards women's rights, gender equality and women's empowerment
3. Ethiopian women with sustained service and contribution to the community or a social cause and an involvement in voluntary service
4. Ethiopian women who have made contribution through innovative thinking and approaches such as innovative research, development of innovative technologies
5. Those with demonstrated experience in mentorship of young women are encouraged to apply
6. Commitment to voluntarily serve and contribute towards the objectives of the AWLN Ethiopia Chapter is a pre-requisite
7. Young Women from different walks of life are highly encouraged to apply

Application Procedure

Please email the following documents to the AWLN Ethiopia Chapter Steering Committee, UN Women and MoWSA by the latest May 31, 2022 via email: awlnapplications@gmail.com

- Letter of Application stating the reasons why you think you are the most suited candidate for membership of AWLN and meet the selection criteria
- A letter of recommendation from organizations attesting to your leadership skills and/or work on gender equality and women empowerment
- Any other evidence documenting your eligibility to be a member of AWLN