

# VOICES FROM ADDIS – JANUARY 2016

ISSUE I: GENDER IS MY AGENDA CAMPAIGN (GIMAC)

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## KEY ISSUES/ RECOMMENDATIONS

- Importance of safe spaces for women from all walks of life and at all levels of society
- Demand for accountability mechanisms should also apply to CSOs not only to governments
- Call for accelerated actions by CSOs in order to increase pace of change
- Need to strengthened involvement of youth and to provide them with education/training to be relevant
- Realization of changing nature of war with increasing militarization and the loss of civilian lives becoming a norm and the importance to respond to this
- Enhancing ways of engagement of the Diaspora to advance gender equality issues and advocacy
- Necessity for mechanisms of implementation, funds and political will to advance the gender agenda- not additional frameworks
- Imperative to engage men and develop structures to facilitate their participation
- Need for investment in women and gender issues along the value chain
- ACHPR Campaign on Decriminalization of abortion in Africa officially launched
- Transformation of mindsets of both women and men required in order to reach heterogeneous group of men and women as advocates for gender equality

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

“Now we should have results because otherwise we will speak about the same in 2063”, Elizabeth Rehn, Minister of State , Finland

“We need a movement for Implementation and Activism for Action” Letty Chiwara, UN Women Representative to the AUC, UNECA and Ethiopia

“Our most precious asset is our people”, Dr. Nkozasana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson, African Union Commission

“Agenda 2063 is the Voice, the Voice that is spelling out what African people want”, Grace Kabayo, Pan African Women’s Organization

“We Want Women in ALL Spaces” Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, AfdB Special Envoy Gender

“Time has come for us to no longer follow but to be at the center, especially at issues of peace and security”, Ms. Ruth Ojiambo Chieng, Strategic Advisor on Women, Peace and Human Security

“The women’s movement is still slowly walking – still not running”, Saba Gebremedhin, Executive Director, Network of Ethiopian Women’s Association

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From top to bottom:  
(Credit: UN Women/Paula Mata)  
Group picture of participants at GIMAC 27,  
Panelists at the Sustainable development  
goals and inclusive economies Panel