



**Africa Ministerial Pre-Consultative Meeting on the Commission on the Status of Women Sixty First (CSW 61st)
Session on the theme “*Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work*”**

Venue: UN Economic Commission for Africa
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dates: 26-27 January 2017

Work Programme

Day One: 26 January 2017

8.30-9 a.m.

Registration of participants

9-10 a.m.

Official opening of the Africa Pre-CSW61 Consultative Meeting

Moderator: Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Coordinator, African Centre for Gender- ECA

Welcoming remarks by Dr. Abdalla Hamdok, Executive Secretary a.i., ECA

Welcoming remarks by H.E. Demitu Hambisa Bonsa, Minister for Women and Children Affairs, Ethiopia

Statement by Ms. Fatma Hassan, Vice Chair, CSW61 Bureau, Egypt

Statement by Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson, African Union Commission

Statement by Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director and UN Under Secretary General, UN Women

Message of Solidarity by Invited Guest Mrs. Karen Ellemann, Minister for Equal Opportunities, Denmark

10-11 a.m.

SESSION 1: Understanding the Commission on the Status of Women and Expectations from Member States

Chair: Malawi, Chair of STC and Member of the CSW Committee

The objective of this introductory Session is to provide participants with relevant and up to date information on the Commission on the Status of Women and any recent developments in New York with regards to the organisation of the Committee, the Bureau Members and some key messages to guide Africa's technical contribution to the Final CSW61 Outcome Document.

Presentation: Briefing on the Global Preparatory Process for the 61st Session of the CSW, Key Messages and Issues

Presented: Christine Brautigam, UN Women

Plenary Discussion (Q and A)

Moderator: Fatma Hassan, Vice Chair, CSW61 Bureau, Egypt

11-11.15 a.m.

Group Photo

11.15-11.45 a.m.

Coffee and Tea Break

11.45 a.m.-12.55 p.m.

SESSION 2: Presentation of Discussion Papers on Key Issues around Women's Economic empowerment in the Changing World of Work in Africa (Priority Theme for CSW61)

Chair: Togo

Presenter: ECA-Africa Centre for Gender

In this session participants will be provided with an outline of the key women's economic empowerment issues in the world of work in Africa, the opportunities, challenges and proposals for accelerating commitments on women in employment.

Discussants: Ms Fatime Christiane Ndiaye, Gender Specialist, Decent Work Support Team (DWT), ILO UN Women Representative, Women and the Informal Sector

Reactions from Select Countries

Plenary Discussion (Q and A)

Moderator: Zimbabwe

The discussion should help to define a common understanding of the key gender equality issues in the changing world of work

12.55-1 p.m.

LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, Letty Chiwara, UN Women Ethiopia

1-2.30 p.m.

Lunch break

Ministerial Working Lunch on "Trafficking in Women and Girls" – hosted by Zimbabwe

2.30-3.30 p.m.

SESSION 3: Plenary discussion on key issues arising from the discussion paper

Chair: Niger

In this session participants, will zero in on key issues arising from the discussion paper and provide recommendations.

Moderator: Uganda

Discussion question: Each key issue, one by one: what are the key challenges and what are the recommendations

3.30-4 p.m.

Coffee and Tea Break

4.10-5.30 p.m.

SESSION 4: Group Work

Chair: Democratic Republic of Congo

In this session, participants will be divided into five groups by Sub-regional block to further discuss and agree on the key issues and come up with their recommendations for the Priority Theme based on guiding questions to be provided by the organisers and informed by sessions 2 – 4. Each group will take the key issues agreed during the plenary session and deepen the analysis and sharpen their recommendations per issue

At the end of group work, rapporteurs for each group will share their group discussions and recommendations with the chief rapporteur for consolidation and synthesizing the output from the regional block discussions

6-7.30 p.m.

RECEPTION/COCKTAIL offered by UN Women Executive Director and Launch of Africa Women Changing the Narrative Interactive Online Platform

Day Two: 27 January 2017

10.30-11.30 a.m.

SESSION 5: Report back on synthesized groups discussions and recommendations

Chair: Democratic Republic of Congo

In this session, one selected representative will present to the group, the synthesized issues and recommendations arising from the group discussions in Session 4.

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.

President: Liberia (Strategizing for the CSWs and member states making their Statements)

1-3 p.m.

Lunch

An expert presentation from AU Consultant

Closed ministerial meeting to discuss the outcome document

3-4 p.m.

SESSION 7: Plenary Discussion to Build Consensus on Key Messages for Priority Theme for CSW61

Chair: Mali

In this session, participants will agree on key messages for Priority Theme for CSW61.

(Note: this session will be introduced by a short presentation by a Representative from the Drafting Team (Secretariat) – providing summary of the Africa Key Messages for CSW61.)

Moderator: South Africa

4-5 p.m.

SESSION 8: Presentation and Adoption of the Africa Key Messages for CSW61

Chair: Liberia

Moderator: AUC-Women, Gender, Women and Development Directorate (WGDD)

5-5.30 p.m.

SESSION 9: Closing of the Meeting

Chair: Burkina Faso, Member of CSW 61 Bureau

Closing statements by Chair of the Gender STC (Malawi), AUC, UN Women and UNECA

5.30 p.m.

Coffee and tea break and End of Meeting