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Strengthening resilience in nutrition and food security on the African continent:
Strengthening agro-food systems, health and social protection systems for the
acceleration of human, social and economic capital development'

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RECOMMENDATIONS

We, participants of the 4th Session of the Gender Is My Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) AU-RECs Coordination meeting in Lusaka, Zambia from 11th to 12th July 2022 under the theme, “Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on the African continent: Strengthening agro-food systems, health and social protection systems for the acceleration of human, social and economic capital development” acknowledged our diversity and common objectives of advancing gender equality and the human rights of African girls and women;

WELCOME the African Union Heads of State and Government theme for 2022, on “strengthening resilience in nutrition and food security on the African continent: Strengthening agro-food systems, health and social protection systems for the acceleration of human, social and economic capital development”;

ACKNOWLEDGE that Nutritional resilience among women is essential to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment.

RECOMMIT ourselves to the long term partnership and collaboration with the AU, RECs, Member States, United Nations Agencies, Organised Private Sector, Women's Movement, Civil Society and Community-Based Organizations to promote gender equality as well as women and girls empowerment as a foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable continent

AWARE of the 2013 Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Promotion of Declaration on the Rights and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognised Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: Protecting. Women Human Rights Defenders;

CONCERNED that women's human rights is undermined by lack of ownership of and access to land, and other productive assets that affect their food sovereignty, and results in their persistence of structural violence and the women lack of protection, including in cases of SGBV and child marriage.

ACKNOWLEDGE the contribution of the Office of the Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security in highlighting women's experiences in wars through solidarity missions and promoting their effective participation in peace building and post conflict reconstruction;

RECOMMIT ourselves to promoting the legal instruments of the AU dedicated to tackling malnutrition: Aspiration one of the Agenda 2063, The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), The Africa Health Strategy 2016-2030; The Africa Regional Nutrition Strategy 2015 - 2025 (ARNS); The Declaration on Nutrition Security for Inclusive Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa; The Resolution on the Establishment of an OAU Inter-African Centre for Food Science, Technology and Nutrition; The African Union Continental Scorecard for Nutrition.



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We urge the Regional and Economic Commissions and the AU to:

1. Take deliberate step to integrate young people and women into governance space, provide them with Agro-ecology education and create agro-related jobs and employment opportunities for them as a way to improve on Africa's food production capacity and security thus ensuring the attainment of Food Sovereignty in the near future.
2. Ensure that the new decade on Economic and Financial inclusion focus on the liberalisation of access to resources and development of appropriate legal mechanism and safety net that protect women involvement in food production, processing and marketing activities;

Protect the livelihood and income of women in rural area from the negative effect of climate change.



3. Develop appropriate administrative measures to implement specific articles within the Maputo Protocol and Maputo Declaration relating to the food security and nutrition of women and set up a 5-year National Accountability Mechanism for the review of nutritional status of women;
4. Review the existing conflict management framework to secure and protect women's access to food production resources during conflict and also build the capacity of women in Agriculture in the use of Agro-related early warning and response system to prevent conflict and build sustainable peace;
5. Implement 2013 Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Protection of Women Human Rights Defenders especially as it relates to Defender of Women's land rights across the continent
6. Put in place a mechanism that protects the livelihood and income of women in rural area from the negative effect of climate change, contract farming and privatization of Africa's Agricultural system;

7. Adopt a human-centred food systems approach and adhere to international commitments and obligations such as Sustainable Development Goal 2 with a special focus to health rights and right to food for women and girls including those in vulnerable situations;
8. Intensify continental, regional and national efforts to ensure that all school land is secured with appropriate title deeds which allowed the school to invest in the land for food production while Governments should support, scale up school feeding programs through adequate national budgetary allocations to ensure its sustainability;
9. Adopt deliberate policies that invest in a healthy future of the continent through transforming the negative cultural norms that inhibit ownership, access and participation of young women and girls to land and agribusiness opportunities, increase household food security and thus eliminate practices such as child marriage.
10. Devote more attention and resources towards understanding and reducing time poverty by investing in basic Amenities such as primary health care that reduces heavy UCDW to promote psychological, economic and nutritional well-being of women.
11. Implement Kilimanjaro Charter of Demands in its totality to advance WLRs and Consider the implementation of A Model Law by Africa Union to secure women Land rights in the continent which must include the implementation of the 30 percent target for women's land rights.
12. Enhance engagement to women's initiatives in agriculture as well as their empowering with priority areas of land reform, leadership, access to inputs and knowledge as stated in the Decision No. 473 at the 20th AU Head of States Summit.

