



**REGIONAL WORKSHOP**  
**ON "PARTICIPATION, REPRESENTATION AND PROTECTION OF WOMEN IN**  
**ELECTORAL PROCESSES IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION"**

**Theme: Exchange of experiences of regional electoral institutions to ensure that  
Gender is a key component in electoral processes**

**12 – 13 November 2019**

**Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**AUC HQ**

**AGENDA**

TIME	SESSION	MODERATOR
Day 1: 12 November 2019		
09.00 - 09.30	Registration	Secretariat : AU, UN, ICGLR
09.30 - 10.20	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcoming remarks by the host country H.E. Madam Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</li> <li>▪ Amb. Huang Xia, UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes</li> <li>▪ H.E. Mr. Basile Ikouebe, Special Rep. of the AU Chairperson, and Head of the AU Liaison Office for the Great Lakes region and Burundi</li> <li>▪ Madame Bineta Diop, AU Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security</li> <li>▪ H.E. Madame Speciosa Kazibwe, Former VP Uganda and Co-President AU Femwise</li> <li>▪ Dr Stergomena Tax, Executive Secretary, SADC</li> <li>▪ Amb. Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General, OIF</li> <li>▪ Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, Executive Secretary, ICGLR</li> <li>▪ H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson, AUC or H.E. Madame Minata Cessouma Samate, Commissioner for Political Affairs, AUC</li> </ul>	
10.20 - 10.40	Group Photo and Tea/Coffee - Networking Break	

10.40 - 11.00	<p><b>Panel 1: Global framework of the sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the Global Framework on “Participation, Representation and Protection of Women in Electoral Processes”: Emphasis on the barriers.</li> </ul> <p><i>The main objective of this session is to ensure that participants are at the same level of information on key achievements, gaps and challenges faced in implementing the policy institutional framework.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: Mrs Micheline Ravololonarisoa, Former Head, Africa Division, UNIFEM and OSESG consultant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of electoral processes in the Great Lakes Region: ICGLR Protocol on democracy and good governance, progress, problems and prospects.</li> </ul> <p><i>This session will look at the past accomplishments, present difficulties and future potentials for areas of improvement. It will further deepen the understanding of participants on the electoral context in the Region and highlight existing good practices and gaps. In addition, the session will discuss the factors impacting electoral administration and how a level electoral playing field is provided for both men and women and make recommendations.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: ICGLR Executive Secretariat: Amb. Ambeyi Ligabo &amp; Mr. Bonface Makokha</b></p>	H.E. Madame Samba Panza, Co-chair FemWise
11.00 - 12.00	<b>General discussions</b>	
12.00 - 12.30	<p><b>Panel 2: Women’s Representation and Participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women representation and participation in decision making structures within GLR, experience sharing: Parliament, Executive and Judiciary</li> </ul> <p><i>The objective of this session is to highlight the level of women representation in different structures of leadership in Governance Institutions.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: Rwanda, South Sudan &amp; Chief Justice of Zambia</b></p>	Hon. Jeanine Mabunda, Speaker, DRC National Assembly

12.30 - 13.00	General discussions	
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break & Networking	
14.00 - 15.30	<p><b>Panel 3: Elections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of international and regional election observation missions</li> </ul> <p><i>This session will set the tone for common understanding of the mandate, the importance of election observation missions and how they contribute to the credibility of electoral processes.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: - Dr Khabele Matlosa, AU Director for Political Affairs</b> <b>- Prof. P.L.O Lumumba</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observation of elections within GLR - Status, Opportunities and Challenges: Women, Youth, CSO, Religious Leaders and Media</li> </ul> <p><i>The session will present the roles of different stakeholders in the monitoring and observation of elections, the opportunities that are available as well as the challenges faced.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: H.E. Madam Samba Panza, Co-chair Femwise, ICGLR Youth Forum, ICGLR CSO Forum, Cardinal &amp; Imam from CAR and Mrs Ester Tankou Yambou, Head of AU-Information Division</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing electoral processes: the role of the police and peacekeeping forces, lessons learnt from ECOWAS</li> </ul> <p><i>The security sector plays a vital role in policing elections. This session will capture how the ECOWAS has worked with security personal in the management of elections.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: Mr. Francis Oke, Head of Electoral Division of ECOWAS</b></p>	Mr. Guy Cyrille Tapoko, Head DEAU, AU DPA
15.30 - 16.30	General discussions	
END OF DAY 1		

Day 2: 13 November 2019		
09.00 - 09.30	Recap of Day 1	Amb. Eliane Berthe Mokodopo, Head of Gender Unit, ICGLR
09.30 - 09.50	<b>Panel 4: Gender Sensitive Elections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting Gender-sensitive Elections : Funding, Laws &amp; Policies Case studies : Rwanda, South Africa &amp; Senegal</li> </ul> <p><i>Case studies on norms, standards and funding for the management of gender-sensitive elections will be presented from the selected countries above.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: UN Electoral Assistance (EAD) to present on funding for elections</b></p> <p><b>Experience sharing by :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rwanda (Mme. Donatille Mukabalisa, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies),</li> <li>Senegal (H.E Aminata Toure, Chair of the Economic and Social Council) and</li> <li>South Africa (Chair of EMB South Africa)</li> </ul>	UNOAU
09.50 - 10.20	General discussions	
10.20 - 10.40	Tea/Coffee Break & Networking	
10.50 - 11.10	<b>Panel 5: Women in Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of Women and Institutional Frameworks for Elections in EMBs</li> </ul> <p><i>This session will underscore the level of participation and representation of women in election administration, the experiences, challenges and opportunities.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: Mrs. Hilda Modisane (ECF – SADC); EISA to also provide a perspective</b></p>	EISA (Electoral Institute for Sustainable democracy in Africa)
11.10 - 11.40	General discussions	

11.40 - 12.00	<b>Panel 6: Women in Electoral Dispute Resolutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of Women in electoral dispute resolutions (EDR) within the GLR</li> </ul> <p><i>From the perspectives of Judiciary and EMBs, GLR Member States represented will make contributions on the role of women in elections dispute managements.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: All Judicial institution representatives and all EMBs to provide a brief presentation</b></p>	Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda
12.00 - 12.30	<b>General discussions</b>	
12.30 - 16.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
16.00 - 17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of the Outcome Statement and Action Plan</li> <li>Presentation of the Key Outcomes of the Workshop</li> <li>Closing remarks</li> </ul>	Secretariat AU, UN, ICGLR ICGLR Executive Secretariat - H.E. Madame Minata Cessouma Samate, Commissioner for Political Affairs, AUC - Amb. Huang Xia, UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes - ICGLR Executive Secretary
17.00	Cocktail offered by the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region	<b>Secretariat</b>
<b>END OF DAY 2</b>		