



**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: NCC Building - Small Conference Hall 2**

**AUC HQ**

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**AGENDA**



TIME	SESSION	MODERATOR
<b>Day 1: 12 November 2019</b>		
<b>09.00 - 09.30</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Secretariat: AU, UN, ICGLR</b>
<b>09.30 - 10.20</b>	<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>▪ H.E Madame Hanna Tetteh, Special Representative and Head of UNOAU</li> <li>▪ Amb. Huang Xia, UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes</li> <li>▪ H.E Madame Catherine Samba Panza, Co-Chair AU Femwise-Africa</li> <li>▪ H.E Jevin Pillay Ponisamy, Representative, SADC</li> <li>▪ Amb. Boubacar Issa Abdourhamane, Permanent Representative of OIF to the AU and ECA</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>	<p>Dr. Khabele Matlosa AU Director for Political Affairs</p>
<b>10.20 - 10.40</b>	<b>Group Photo and Tea/Coffee - Networking Break</b>	

10.40 - 11.00	<b>Panel 1: Global framework of the sessions</b> <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 RavoelolonaRisoa, 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: Mr. Bonface Makokha</b></p>	H.E. Madame Samba Panza Co-chair FemWise
11.00 - 12.00	General discussions	
12.00 - 12.30	<b>Panel 2: Women’s Representation and Participation</b> <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: Representatives of the Parliament of Burundi, the Gender Minister of the Central African Republic and the Judiciary of the Sudan</b></p>	Hon. Jeanine Mabunda Speaker, National Assembly, DRC
12.30 - 13.00	General discussions	
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break & Networking	

**14.00 - 15.30**

**Panel 3: Elections**

- Role of international and regional election observation missions: Continental Perspective

*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.*

**Presenter: Dr. Khabele Matlosa, AU Director for Political Affairs**

- Observation of elections within GLR - Status, Opportunities and Challenges: Women, Youth, CSO and Religious Leader

*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.*

**Presenters: Co-chair Femwise, ICGLR Youth Forum, ICGLR CSO Forum and Imam CAR**

- Securing electoral processes: the role of the police and peacekeeping forces, lessons learnt from ECOWAS

*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.*

**Presenters: Mr. Chinedu Emeka, Program Officer for ECOWAS Network of Electoral Commission (ECONEC)**

**Mr. Wafula Chebukati**

Chairperson, Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, Kenya

**15.30 - 16.30**

**General discussions**

**16.30 - 17.00**

**Tea/Coffee - Networking Break**

**END OF DAY 1**

## Day 2: 13 November 2019

09.00 - 09.30	Recap of Day 1	Amb. Eliane Berthe Mokodopo Gender Adviser, 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: AU, UN, South Africa &amp; ECES</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>Experience sharing by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Jeanne Flora Kayitesi, AU, Women, Gender and Development Directorate</li> <li>- Mr. Hassan Sesay, Senior Electoral/Political Affairs Officer, UN/EAD</li> <li>- Judge Dhayanithie Pillay, Commissioner, Electoral Commission of South Africa</li> <li>- Mr. Fabio Bargiachi, Representative of the European Center for Electoral Support</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:</b> Mrs Olufunto Akinduro, Head of Elections and Political Processes, EISA Mr. Gaston Ololo, Chairperson of the Technical Committee, Commission Electorale Nationale Indépendante, Republic of Congo</p>	Prof. Abendego Akok Kacuol Tong Chairperson, National Elections Commission of South Sudan
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>GLR Member States represented will be invite to share their perspectives/contributions on the role of women in elections dispute managements, from the Judiciary and EMBs stand point.</i></p> <p><b>Presenters: All Judicial institution representatives and all EMBs to provide a brief presentation</b></p>	TBD
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 Dr. Khabele Matlosa AU Director for Political Affairs  - Amb. Huang Xia, UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes  - H.E. Madame Minata Cessouma Samate, Commissioner for Political Affairs, AUC  - Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, Executive Secretary, ICGLR
17.00	Cocktail offered by the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	<b>Secretariat: AU, UN, ICGLR</b>

**END OF DAY 2**