

## PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

A move from Establishing Frameworks to Action: Ending Impunity on Sexual and Gender Based Violence

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME:

In addressing the question of impunity this conference zeroes in on compensation and protection for survivors and to this end lays emphasis on transitional and restorative justice mechanisms as a key focus. The papers, strategy sessions, thematic groups and targeted outcomes are designed with this in mind

**DAY ONE: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

**7.45 – 8.30: Registration**

**'THE VIOLENCE MUST STOP' - SARA MITARU**

**8.30 – 9.30: Setting the framework – Awino Okech, ACORD  
Welcome Remarks – Ousainou Ngum; Executive Director - ACORD**

**Session I: 9.30 – 10.30**

#### **Unfinished Business: Transitional Justice and Women's Rights in Africa.**

This session is designed to lay the foundation for conference discussions by honing on transitional justice mechanisms from sampled countries across the continent. The Key note paper maps out the broad issues while the specific papers hone in on transitional justice country processes as they relate to SGBV survivors in those contexts.

**Chair: Muthoni Wanyeki – Kenya Human Rights Commission**

- **Key Note Speech:** Prof. Makau Mutua, Transitional and Restorative Justice: SGBV in Context
- Deputy Speaker: South African National Assembly – Hon. Ms Gwendoline Mahlangu-Nkabinde
- Official Opening: Minister for Justice, National Cohesion & Constitutional Affairs – Ms. Martha Karua

**Session Chair: Brian Kagoro – Action Aid International - Africa  
11.00 – 13.00**

**"THE WOMAN"- RUMBIDZAI SENGWAYO**

**Unfinished Business: Transitional Justice and Women's Rights in Africa.**

**Papers:**

- Muthoni Wanyeki - UN Resolution 1325: International, Regional and National policy and practice recommendations
- Lydia Bosire – Transitional Justice and SGBV: A Theoretical Engagement

- Sierra Leone: – SGBV & Reparations: National Commission for Social Action – Sidi Bah

**Session II: Exploring the Intersections: CSO's negotiating the terrain**

**This session is broken into two. The first zones in on sampled CSO engagements; dealing directly with the intersections: HIV/AIDS, Security, access to justice as some of the key issues. They draw our attention to the existing tensions based on research and programmatic interventions but also direct our focus to opportunities.**

**2.00 – 4.00**

**“NARAMA”- NEEMA NTALEL/SARA MITARU**

**Session Chair: Janah Ncube – Southern African Development Cooperation**

**Papers:**

- Transitional Justice Questions for Women in Northern Uganda - Harriet Musoke, Isis WICCE
- VAW & HIV/AIDS in Conflict Settings: Exploring the Intersections - Mary Wandia AAI-A
- Access to Justice: Public Interest Litigation Case – Grace Kimani, COVAW
- Security Sector Reforms for Managing Gender Based Violence – Dr. Annie Chikwanha

**RUMBIDZAI SENGWAYO**

**4.30 – 6.00**

**Government/Parliamentarians: Institutional Approaches**

**Across the continent there has been what some have termed a ‘policy explosion’. Beginning with the host country Kenya we sample two parliaments and one institutional mechanism. These have been adopted by African countries towards engaging with both the proposed prosecution of SGBV perpetrators, address the needs of survivors and deal with post conflict reconstruction.**

**Session Chair: Eva Ayiera – Urgent Action Fund – Africa**

**Papers:**

- Kenya: Sexual Offences Act - Njoki Ndung'u, Former Member of Parliament - Kenya
- Sierra Leone: Sexual Offences Bill - Bernadette Lahai, Member of Parliament Sierra Leone
- Rwanda: Fatuma Ndagiza, Executive Secretary National Unity & Reconciliation Commission

**Gala Dinner: 7.00 – 10.00**

Chief Guest: Ms. Ida Odinga: Patron, Kenya League of Women's Voters

Guest Speaker: Dr. Tajudeen Abdul Raheem: Secretary General, Pan African Organization and Deputy Director, UN Millennium Campaign

## DAY TWO: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008

Session III: 8.30 – 9.30

### Gallery walk

Activism across the continent and particularly around women's rights has involved an adoption of innovative ways of engaging the masses. Some feminist activists have argued that the ways in which knowledge is produced in Africa today by feminist researchers and activists has emerged through non-conventional ways and in the margins of dominant centres of knowledge. This session provides the space for an engagement with a few of the myriad of documentaries that have been developed within the last two years on the question of SGBV and related concerns.

Silent Genocide - AAI

Sasa – Raising Voices

Masindy's Story

Broken Bodies - IRIN

### SESSION IV: THEMATIC GROUPS:

Civil Society organizations present will sign up for preferred thematic groups while registering on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2008.

9.30 – 10.00 – Awino Okech: Thematic Work Framing in Plenary

10.30 – 1.00 P.M

### LEGAL: MUTHONI WANYEKI & PROF. MAKAU MUTUA (KHRC)

Retributive, Transitional and Restorative Justice Mechanisms; Mapping the way forward

#### Case Studies:

- Global Conflict Advisor AAI: Ayodeji Ajayeoba- - Strengthening CSO's engagement on Protection in Conflict and Humanitarian emergencies
- Sierra Leone: Sierra Leone Truth Commission & Reparations - Yasmin Jusu Sheriff
- Liberia: Special Violence Court - Una Thompson, Women of Liberia Peace Network  
Eileen Hanciles - FAWE

### POLICY: SARAH MUKASA & DAWN CAVANAGH (AWDF & FEW)

Intergovernmental Organizations and Policy Shifts: Understanding Regional and Pan African Institutions; Strategies for engagement

#### Case Studies

- ICGLR: Ambassador Liberata Mulamula/ Nathan Byamukama
- COMESA: Katherine Ichioya
- SADC: Janah Ncube
- FAS: Mme Marie Louise Baricako - Women's Rights & AU The CSO/Regional linkage

### PARLIAMENT: NJOKI NDUNG'U (FORMER KENYAN MP & DIRECTOR CLICK)

Focuses on sub-regional norms, policy Commitments and national engagements

#### **Case Studies**

- EALA – Lydia Wanyoto
- Hon. Ms Gwendoline Mahlangu-Nkabinde
- Keriako Tobiko – Public Prosecutors Office, Kenya

#### **Session V: Plenary: Guide thematic reports and mapping of action points** **SPOKEN WORD**

**2.00 – 4.00**

**Session Chair: Mary Wandia – Action Aid International - Africa**

#### **DAY THREE: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008**

#### **Session VI: REFLECTION IN SUB REGIONS: ACTION POINTS**

**9.00 – 11. 30**

- WEST – Sarah Mukasa
- EAST, THE HORN – Eva Ayiera
- Great Lakes Region & SOUTHERN AFRICA – Dawn Cavanagh

#### **Session VII: Common issues and action points in plenary**

**11.30 – 1.00**

**Session Chair: Salome Katia – Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace – Amani Forum**

#### **Session VIII: Pan African Engagements**

**Mapping regional and sub regional advocacy engagement.**

**2.00 – 4.00**

**Group: AU, NEPAD, PAP, EALA**

**Facilitator: Brian Kagoro – Action Aid International - Africa**

**Group: CSO Platform**

**Facilitator: Sarah Mukasa – AWDF**

#### **Session IX: Final conference communiqué**

**4.00 – 5.00**

**Session Chair: Awino Okech – ACORD International**

#### **MUSIC AND OFFICIAL CLOSING**

#### **Notes:**

- There will be simultaneous translation into French and English
- Tea breaks will be at 10.30 and at 4.00
- Lunch will be at 1.00
- The support team of the secretariat will provide the necessary guidance to the location of these breaks and the breakaway rooms.