

8th Joint AUC-ECA Conference of Ministers

Side event

High Level Policy Dialogue on “Making Agenda 2063 work for African Women. What needs to be done?”

Date : Saturday, 28 March 2015

Time : 10:30am – 12:30pm

**Venue : United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 5
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

This “Year of Women’s Empowerment and Development towards Africa’s Agenda 2063” coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action adopted by the world leaders at the 4th World Conference on Women in 1995, in Beijing, China and the formulation of new global development frameworks including the Post2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015. The Agenda 2063 and these global frameworks offer important opportunities to accelerate achievement of women’s empowerment paving the way for positive transformational change in the lives of African women and girls.

To celebrate the “Year of African Women and seize fully the opportunities inherent in the continental Agenda 2063 for women’s empowerment, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) will organize a High Level Panel Dialogue, bringing together recognized thinkers, experts, and policy makers who will identify and define targeted measures that must be taken to ensure Agenda 2063 is responsive to women’s needs, constraints and priorities.

Moderator: Ms. Yassine Fall, Feminist Economist, International Gender Expert, Former Chief of Women’s Economic Empowerment Section, UNWOMEN

Discussants:

Ambassador Febe Potgieter-Gqubule, Advisor, Bureau of the AUC Chairperson

Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy on Gender, AfDB

Prof. Aminata Diaw Cisse, Head of the Publication Department, CODESRIA

Dr. Elisabeth Rasekoala, Co-Founder of SET4Women, the South African Reference Group on Gender, Science and Technology

Ms. Telma Awori, Institute for Social Transformation

Ms. Nebila Abdulmelik, Head of Communications African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)