



United Nations  
Economic Commission For Africa

## Women In Parliaments Global Forum (WIP)

WIP Annual Summit 2015

Working Group  
on

### **Women's economic empowerment in artisanal and small-scale mining in Africa: What is the role of women parliamentarians?**

**Date : Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Time : 15:00 – 17:00 hrs**

**Venue : AUC Small conference room (tbc)**

The current Beijing +20 global review as well as the discourse on the post 2015 development agenda, is an opportunity to bring women, girls and youth at the very centre of the inclusive and transformative development agenda of the continent. Consensus has been reached on the need for the formulation of enforceable gender – responsive legal, policy and regulatory frameworks across all key dimensions of the mining sector; as it is poised to be a key driver of Africa's transformation, in line with the African Union Agenda 2063<sup>1</sup>, as well as the African Mining Vision<sup>2</sup>.

The working group will stimulate discussion on unleashing women's potential as key economic actors and agents for change by reflecting on, and building consensus on the concrete measures to be taken by women parliamentarians towards empowering women in artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) in Africa by responding to their needs, constraints and priorities. The overall objective is to assist women surmount gender-specific obstacles that prevent their effective contribution in the sector, through their transformative empowerment in artisanal and small-scale mining.

**Chair: UNECA**

#### **Panelists:**

- 2 parliamentarians – one from the Pan-African Parliament, and the other from a national parliament;
- 1 parliamentarian from outside Africa that has been engaged in formulation of gender-responsive legal and regulatory frameworks in the mining sector;
- 1 senior officer of AUC involved in formulation of Agenda 2063;
- 1 policy-maker at the level of Permanent Secretary of a Ministry of Gender and Women's Affairs

#### **Participants:**

The working group will bring together women in parliaments from within and outside Africa; medium and senior level policy makers, development partners, gender experts; representatives from civil society organizations; representatives from the UN and diplomatic missions etc.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.agenda2063.au.int](http://www.agenda2063.au.int)

<sup>2</sup> [www.africanminingvision.org](http://www.africanminingvision.org)