

The 8th Joint AUC-ECA Annual Meetings of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia: 25 – 31 March 2015

Side Event on the theme “Making Agenda 2063 work for African women. What needs to be done?”

The United Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) will organize a side event on the theme “**Making Agenda 2063 work for African women. What needs to be done?**” during the 8th Joint AUC-ECA Annual Meetings of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development scheduled for 25 – 31 March 2015 in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia.

The side event celebrates the bold decision by the African Heads of State and Government to make 2015 the “Year of Women’s Empowerment. Towards Agenda 2063”. This is intended to stress the central role of women in achieving Agenda 2063 but also and more importantly emphasizes women’s empowerment as one of the preconditions for achieving the continental development framework.

1. Objectives of the side event

The event aims at reflecting on and building consensus on the concrete measures that should be taken to make Agenda 2063 respond to women’s needs, constraints and priorities.

Specific objectives:

- To identify women’s key priorities in line with the outcome and Declaration of the Beijing+20 review and against the Agenda 2063 priorities and action plan.
- To reflect on the right mix of policies and programmes required to tackle structural and emerging challenges facing women.
- Build a continental consensus on actions to be taken and agreed on next steps i.e. in line with the timeframe of the Agenda 2063.

2. Format

The side event will be an interactive panel discussion composed of 5 panelists:

- One policy-maker at the level of Permanent Secretary of a Ministry of Gender and Women’s Affairs
- 1 policy maker from a Ministry of Economic planning/development, finance
- 1 representative of CSO
- Senior officer of AUC involved in formulation of Agenda 2063
- Representative of RECs or African Parliament

3. Participants

The Side event will bring together medium and senior level policy makers, development planners, statisticians, gender experts from across and outside Africa; representatives from civil society organizations; researcher institutions, etc.