



**“From MDGs to SDGs: A Review of a Decade of implementation of commitments on women and girls’ education in Africa - Accelerating progress towards Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063”**

**Venue:** AU Permanent Mission to the UN  
19 March 2024, 3:00-5:00 pm  
**Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Speaker/facilitator</b>
2:30-3:00pm	Arrival of participants	
Moderator: <b>Ms. Victoria Maloka, Head of Division, WGYD</b>		
15 minutes	Opening session	<b>Keynote remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Dr. Maxime Houinato</b>-UN Women Regional Director</li><li>- <b>Dr. Rita Bissoonauth</b>- UNESCO Liaison Office to AU and UNECA</li><li>- <b>Ms. Anne Githuku-Shongwe</b>- Director- UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa</li><li>- <b>Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa</b>, Assistant Secretary General and Regional Director for Africa, UNDP</li><li>- <b>H.E. Dr. Mohamed Belhocine</b>, Commissioner- Education, Science, Technology and Innovation-AUC</li><li>- <b>Honorable Amongi Betty Ongom</b>, Chairperson of the Bureau of the Specialized Technical Committee on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Republic of Uganda</li></ul>
10 minutes	Overview of the State of Women and Girls in Education in Africa:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ms. Simone Yankey-Ouattara- Coordinator (a.g.)- AU/CIEFFA</li></ul>
25 minutes	Reflections from stakeholders: <b><i>Promising initiatives, challenges and opportunities for advancing the gender responsive implementation of gender and</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Venerable Diaby Makani</b>, Vice-President of the Senate in charge of Education, Culture and Tourism, Republic of Cote D’Ivoire</li><li>- <b>Honorable Dr. Ndolembai Sade Njesada</b>- Minister of Education- Republic of Chad</li><li>- <b>Honorable Sithembiso Nyoni</b>- Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife Republic of Zimbabwe</li></ul>



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	<i>education commitments including through financing education in Africa”</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ms. Teresa Omondi</b>-Adeitan-Deputy Director-FAWE</li><li>- <b>Ms. Melisa Kubvoruno</b>- Chairperson- GIMAC Youth Network</li></ul>
55 minutes	Ensuring progress on women and girls’ education – the way forward - Plenary discussions	Member States and stakeholders
5 minutes	Conclusions and recap of key recommendations	Ms Antonia Ngabala Sodonon- UN Women Special Representative to AU and ECA
10 minutes	Closing and statement of commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Dr. Maxime Houinato</b>-UN Women Regional Director</li><li>● <b>Dr. Rita Bissoonauth</b>-Director- UNESCO Liaison Office to AU and UNECA</li><li>● <b>Ms. Prudence Ngwenya</b>-Director, WGYD</li><li>● <b>Honorable Amongi Betty Ongom</b>, Chairperson of the Bureau of the Specialized Technical Committee on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Republic of Uganda</li></ul>
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Cocktail	