



**FAWE** Forum for African Women Educationalists  
Forum des éducatrices africaines



# **FAWE 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCEPT NOTE**

***THEME: TOWARDS GENDER EQUITY,  
EQUALITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN  
EDUCATION:  
POSITIONING THE AFRICAN YOUTH FOR  
THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS***

**TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY**

**20TH NOVEMBER 2020**

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### **1.0 Introduction**

The supreme governing body of FAWE Africa is the General Assembly that comprises full members drawn from female leaders in education across Africa. The FAWE constitution dictates that the General Assembly is held every three years to deliberate on organizational business and to elect the members of the FAWE Africa Board whose key function is to provide overall policy guidelines to the FAWE Africa network on behalf of the FAWE General Assembly. The constitution provides that ***“the venue of the General Assembly meeting will be proposed and agreed on at the previous General Assembly and may be held in any country in which FAWE has members.*** While this was not agreed upon at the GA of 2017, the FAWE Africa board meeting held in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia (February 2020) agreed that the FAWE 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. However, in view of the uncertainties occasioned by the COVID- 19 pandemic and the travel restrictions in various countries, the Board further resolved that the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly be held virtually.

### **1.1 The purpose of the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

1. Make reflection of what has transpired since the last GA
  - Highlight key challenges faced and propose recommendations thereof
  - Explore available opportunities and agree on the way forward for FAWE
2. Consider proposal on the policies and objectives of FAWE
  - Review FAWE Strategic plan (2019-2023), and its alignment to the current education agenda (CESA 25, SDGs 2030 and Africa agenda 2063) and assess progress this far.
3. Receive and deliberate on reports
  - 2017 – 2019 Financial reports
  - 2017 – 2019 program report
  - Proposals from the current FAWE Africa board
4. Elect members of the Africa Board in accordance with the constitution
5. Approve admission of new members into FAWE
6. Conduct any other business as it deemed fit for the benefit of FAWE.

## 2.0 Participants of the General Assembly

In consistency with the FAWE constitution, the participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be;

- Registered FAWE members (new and old). These are ordinary members, corporate members and honorary members.
- Alumni representation from National Chapters
- FAWE staff from Regional Secretariat and National Chapters

It is important to note that currently, FAWERS is in the process of identifying new members with the help of different chapters. The list of new members will then be shared with the board for approval before the invitations are extended to the approved members. The affirmation of the new members will be done during the general assembly.

### 2.1 General Assembly Dates and venue

The General Assembly will be held virtually on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### 2.2 Voting at the General Assembly

The rules of procedure at the general assembly including voting rights shall be in line with the FAWE constitutional guidelines. The FAWE legal Advisor shall provide detailed guidance on the voting process for the new Executive. These shall be shared with the FAWE full members a month ahead of the meeting.

## 3.0 Format/structure of the GA

The General Assembly will be presided over by the FAWE Africa chairperson and will be structured in four main sessions as below:

**Session 1:** This will be the opening session

**Session2:** Presentation, discussion and approval of reports

**Session 3:** Election of new office bearers (this will be a closed session for only FAWE full members)

**Session 4:** Joint meeting of outgoing and incoming of FAWE Africa board members

## 4.0 Outputs of the General Assembly

1. Approval of reports
  - a. 2017-2019 Financial report
  - b. 2017- 2019 Program report
2. Appointment of new FAWE Auditors and Lawyers
3. Harmonized understanding of Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023
4. New FAWE Africa Board in place
5. New direction for the operations of National Chapters

The agenda for the general assembly is as per the attached