

AFRICA DIALOGUE ON GENDER EQUALITY IN EDUCATION

(ED – TALKS)

Theme: “Promoting women and girls education through the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy for CESA 2016-2025”

25th April 2018 at Safari Park Hotel, 1800- 2000 hours

A side event hosted by



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Background

Education is the main driver of development across the globe and thereby considered fundamental to ensure equitable inclusive quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all. Situational studies and analyses indicate that the majority of those most excluded from human resource development, education, science and technology, are women and girls. Gender Equality and empowerment of girls, women, youth, men and boys remains a critical agenda to the Africa Union and International Community through the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063.

The Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25) further underscores the principle of gender equity, equality and sensitivity as an anchor for the African Education and Training Systems. The mission of CESA 16-25 sets out to re-orient Africa's Education and Training systems to meet the values, knowledge, competencies, innovation and creativity required from Early Childhood Development through to tertiary level, especially in Technical and Vocational Training (TVET), Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) teaching and learning, and in education management and leadership. Girls and women must have equal access and opportunities to benefit from as well as contribute to this mission.

The Gender Equality Strategy for CESA 16-25 commissioned by Forum for Africa Women Educationalists (FAWE) and the African Union's Centre for the Education of Girls and Women in Africa (AU-CIEFFA) provides a detailed guidance to all AU Member States on mainstreaming and integrating gender perspectives as they implement CESA 16-25. This includes recommending entry points for advancing gender equality and empowerment of girls and women and young people, for all the 12 Strategic Objectives of CESA 16-25. The Gender Equality Strategy for CESA 16-25 further recommends leadership, financing and management arrangements to ensure accountability, integrity and impact.

It is against this backdrop that UNESCO and the Government of Kenya, in collaboration with the African Union, ADEA and the SDG4 co-conveners (ILO, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNWOMEN and the WB) will on 25th - 27th of April 2018 convene a Pan-African High-level Meeting on Education at Safari park Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. This High level Meeting presents an opportunity to share the lessons learned by member states this far and contribute to the ongoing discussions on the 2063 African Union vision; "The Africa We Want".

In tandem with the continental discussions on Agenda 2063 and the Global Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 with an emphasis on SDG 4, FAWE, AU HRST, UNESCO, People Initiative Foundation in collaboration with UNICEF ESARO/UNGEI, GIZ, Plan International and partners will organize a side event on 25th April 2018, dubbed **AFRICA DIALOGUE ON GENDER EQUALITY IN EDUCATION**, an Educative Talk (ED TALK) platform, at Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. The event will be hosted by youth drawn from different regions in Africa who will engage the key continental leaders and policy makers on the issues surrounding Gender Equality in Africa.

The event will bring together Education experts and policy makers from the African, Africa Ministers of Education and their representatives, youth, private sector, accomplished academics, leaders of civil society organizations and other distinguished individuals to foster productive dialogue around what members need to actualise the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy (GES) for the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25).

CONCEPT NOTE

The theme for the event is ***“promoting women and girls education through the implementation of the gender equality strategy for CESA 2016-2025”***. The focus will be on gender equality priority issues such as: Increasing participation and innovation in STEM education, Education in Emergencies / post conflict situations, Education Financing and Out of School Children Education among other areas.

Expected Outcome

A shared understanding, collective buy in and commitment by AU members states, policy makers and education stakeholders on promoting gender equality and inclusion in education through the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy for CESA 16-25.

Objectives of the Event

1. Creating awareness among AU member states, policy makers and education stakeholders on how to translate Gender Equality Strategy for CESA 16-25 to action.
2. Broader understanding on what has worked in promoting Gender Equality and inclusion in Education in Africa.

Expected outputs

1. A shared understanding about the Gender Equality Strategy and its implications as a guiding framework for the implementation of CESA 16-25.
2. Commitment by AU member states, policy makers and education stakeholders to adopt the Gender Equality Strategy for CESA 16-25.

Event Organisation

The event format will be in three parts. Part one will include a brief introduction to the Gender equality strategy by the AU HRST commissioner H.E Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor and a youth led ED talk on status of Gender equality in education in Africa; Part two will involve a panel discussion by key education experts from the African Union, Ministries of Education, INGO and regional CSO. The third part will be a networking cocktail for all education stakeholders to create important connections and contacts to enhance gender equality in education in the continent.

The main activities at the event include:

1. ED talk by selected speakers
2. Panel discussion
3. Question and answer session
4. Documentation of the key outcomes of the session for follow-up
5. Networking

Date, Time and Venue

April 25th, 2018 from 1800hrs to 2000hrs at the Safari Park Hotel Nairobi, Kenya.

CONCEPT NOTE

Programme(draft)

Time (hrs)	Activity	Activity Description	Facilitator
1745-1800	Arrival and registration	All guests arrive and register	FAWE
1800- 1810	Welcoming Remarks and Introduction	Guests settle in conference room. This will be followed by opening remarks and setting the stage by FAWE's Head of Programmes, Martha Muhwezi	Master of Ceremony
1820-1830	Keynote Address on the Gender Equality Strategy for CESA 16-25 H.E Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor <i>Commissioner-HRST, African Union</i>	10 minutes presentation on the Gender Equality Strategy for CESA 16-25	Hendrina Doroba, FAWE Executive Director
1830- 1855	ED Talk by Youth speakers Moderator: Daniel Antwi, People Initiative Foundation Youth Speakers: # 1:Out of school children # 2: Inclusive education with special focus the young people and children with disabilities #3: increasing youth participation in STEM education and innovation #4: Education in Emergencies / post conflict situations #5: Education Financing	5 minutes each presentations by youth on key Gender Equality issues	People Initiative Foundation UNESCO Youth
1855- 1920hrs	High Level Panel discussion Moderator: Journalists Panellists: AU representative, Ministers of education (Kenya, Senegal & Namibia), Plan Intl.	5 minutes each discussant - observation on way forward on key priority issues brought forward by youth	Moderator
1920-19 45	Question & Answer	Audience to contribute to the discussion through questions and comments	
19 45-19 50	Wrap up and departure	closing by FAWE representative and guest departure(Martha Muhwezi)	Master of Ceremony
19 50-2000	Networking and Departure		

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