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THEME: “Towards Effective Approaches for girls’ engagement and excellence: Preparing African girls for the 21st century skills”

1.0 Introduction

Article 18 of FAWE Africa’s constitution establishes The General Assembly as the supreme governing body of FAWE. Prior to the convening of the General Assembly, FAWE's constitution mandates the 34 National Chapters to hold a Sub General Assembly in the two FAWE language clusters (Francophone and Anglophone). The Sub General Assembly provides a platform at which the FAWE NCs reflect on progress since the last General and sub general assembly meeting at national chapter and general FAWE network level.

In 2020, FAWE Africa will be holding the 11th General Assembly that will be held on 20th November 2020 via FAWE zoom web service. The General Assembly will be preceded by the Sub General Assembly to be held on **17th November 2020**. It is planned that all National chapter representatives will as well attend the 2nd International Girls Conference on Education in Africa slated for 18th and 19th November 2020, themed "**Towards Effective Approaches for girls’ engagement and excellence: Preparing African girls for the 21st century skills**".

1.1 Purpose/rationale for the Sub-GA

The Sub General Assembly convening is aimed at consolidating key achievements ,lessons learned, challenges and emerging education issues that will strengthen the network agenda of ensuring gender equality and equity is realized in the different countries in which FAWE has presence. In this regard, the National Chapters representatives will participate in the Sub General Assembly to discuss their alignment to the new Strategic Plan 2019-2023 building on the experiences, achievements and lessons learnt from the previous Strategic Plan 2013-2017. In addition, the sub GA discussions are expected to shed light on the capacity needs of the FAWE Chapters and forge practical and sustainable solutions to address these needs. The representatives present at the sub GA will then consolidate their inputs and select at least two representatives per region (Anglophone and Francophone) to present the meeting outputs/recommendations at the General Assembly for endorsement.

2.0 Objectives of the Sub-GA

The main objectives of the Sub-General Assembly is to provide a platform for the FAWE network to come together, share ideas and experiences at chapter level and promote learning.

The specific objectives for the 2020 Sub-GA will include the following:

- I. To enhance understanding of National Chapters on strengthening their operations and membership
- II. To share experiences on what has worked and could be done differently in the mainstreaming and scale up of FAWE demonstrative interventions at national level
- III. To establish the capacity needs of the National Chapters on resource mobilization, policy influencing, advocacy and Membership
- IV. Review progress made to date by the National Chapters in the implementation of the previous Strategic Plan and the alignment of Chapter SPs to the new FAWE Africa Strategic Plan

2.1 Expected outputs of the sub-GA

It is expected that the following will have been achieved by the end of the sub-GA meeting:

- A synthesized outcome document and communique highlighting key challenges, successes and opportunities for growth for General Assembly deliberations.
- Shared understanding on the capacity needs of the NCs and agreed position on the way forward
- Documented experiences on scalable programs, resource mobilization as well as advocacy, policy influencing and networking
- Plausible recommendation on strengthening FAWE Network and Integration of Strategic plan

2.2 Sub GA-participants

The Sub-GA will bring together two representatives from each of the 34 National Chapters. The National Chapter board chairperson and National Coordinator or any other delegated senior staff or Executive Committee member are expected to attend the virtual webinar. In attendance will also be selected FAWE RS staff and the FAWE Africa members.

2.3 Date and platform

The Sub-GA will be held on the 17th November 2020 from 1400 to 1800 via zoom. FAWE RS sub GA taskforce will circulate an information guide for representatives to easily participate in the online meeting.

3.0 Approach/structure of the one day Sub-GA meeting

Prior to the Sub GA meeting, consultations will be held with the NCs so as to collect their views on achievements and challenges over the past 3 years. Further engagement with the chapters will be held to gauge their level of implementation of the FAWE 2019-2023 Strategic Plan as well as alignment of NC SP to the FAWE Africa one. This will enable the FAWE network gain a good understanding of the progress made so far in the implementation of the SP and lay strategies going forward in ensuring the achievements of the key milestones in the FAWE 5 year Strategic Plan. Select chapters will as well be given an opportunity to show case key milestones from their chapters for learning as well as replication. The consultation results will be summed-up in a document that will be presented and discussed during the sub-GA.

3.1 The Sub GA meeting agenda

The agenda shall be divided into three main sessions as summarized below:

a) Opening session

This will be a plenary session that will be attended by all NC representatives and will be officiated by the FAWE Africa Board members and FAWE Secretariat leadership who will brief participants on the expectations of the sub GA in relation to the General Assembly provisions. This will be followed by a brief presentation on the FAWE Africa Strategic Plan 2019-2023 to prepare the participants for their discussions on chapter alignment to the new SP framework. The Secretariat will attend to the questions and feedback raised during the session.

b) Main Session

The main session, which will begin at 1440 hours, will kick off with National Chapters breaking into their linguistic groups i.e. Anglophone and Francophone and discuss the findings concentrating on the challenges encountered since the last sub GA, possible solutions and opportunities for venture. The discussions shall shed light on what could be done differently concerning interventions achievement and general operations of the National Chapters. At 1630 hours, the chapters will reassemble and select four most successful chapters whose representatives will be called upon to make presentations on some good practices and sustainability measures that they have undertaken to boost their internal and external capacities. These presentations should feature nuggets of wisdom on the status of the chapters five years ago and current as well as their roadmaps for the next five years. There will be a question and answer session after the presentations. The focus areas for the presentations will be:

1. Progress of FAWE's models/interventions including those that have been mainstreamed or scaled up in the National Education sphere
2. Successful resource mobilization strategies
3. Key Advocacy, Policy influencing and networking initiatives and their most successful results registered to date
4. Status of the National Chapter and FAWE Alumni Association membership operations

c) Closing session

This final session will begin at 17:30 will seek to consolidate the views of the NCs representatives into one document that will be presented at the GA. This document should bring out: the most significant changes that occurred from the last General Assembly, the main capacity organizational gaps identified, solutions generated to mitigate these capacity needs and NCs priority areas in relation to the new Strategic Plan 2019-2023. The meeting is expected to officially close at 1800 hours.

4.0 Program outline and budget

A detailed budget is attached, whilst the program shall be developed and shared in due time.