

## AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERS NETWORK PHOTOBOOK 2017 - 2021



## Foreword by H.E. Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Former President of Liberia and Patron of AWLN

This African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Photobook documents the journey of a vision which became a movement- a movement which is already making an important contribution in giving voice and visibility to African women.

Launched in New York in 2017, the Network has become rooted in a number of African countries through national chapters which represent the diversity of those countries and are taking the actual implementation forward through inter-generational efforts, boosting young women's leadership.

Other countries are determining the shape of their mechanisms for advancing equality, empowerment, peace, security and development.

The six pillars, Peace and Security, Governance, Finance, Youth Leadership, Agriculture and Social Mobilization all represent areas critical for delivering on Agenda 2030, Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals and key to ensuring that the transformation of African women's lives are the heart of these maps for progress.

The African Women Leadership Fund is a foundational initiative of AWLN, designed to strengthen the economic empowerment of women, by ensuring that they are included in the financing for development architecture, moving upwards from micro- lending to macro money.

I am pleased to be a part of this movement of strong women, supported by male partners who are walking the path of equality with us.

Amujae! - let us rise together.



H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat Chairperson of the African Union Commission

"The African Women Leaders Network, initiated by the African Union Commission in collaboration with the United Nations, will serve as a platform to strengthen the partnership between our two organizations in terms of policies and concrete actions focused on the development and promotion of sustainable development.

Its implementation will inspire future generations of women and give them the courage to take new steps, to open all doors, to fully contribute to the renewal of Africa."



H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations

"The African Women Leaders Network began establishing national chapters in the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to deepen the impact and scope of the Network on the linkages between the meaningful participation of women in politics and peace and security efforts.

I encourage regional organizations to strengthen and advance these efforts, including through gender parity strategies and actions to address the meaningful participation of women."



H.E. Amina J. Mohammed UN Deputy Secretary-General

"What we are building here is a movement - a movement for gender equality, a movement for peace, a movement for economic livelihoods, a movement for humanity.

During the joint AWLN-inspired joint UN-AU solidarity missions, we saw there the resilience of women and girls in the most challenging of circumstances, and the extraordinary strength that they possess when they raise voices in unity."





H.E. Mr. Nana Akufo-Addo
President of the Republic of Ghana and AU Champion for Gender and Development in Africa

"Gender equality is more than a goal in itself. It is a pre-condition to reduce poverty, promote sustainable development and building good governance. Investing in women is the most effective measure to accelerate development. Women in governance and political participate pillar of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) is necessary to achieve these goals."





H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde
President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia *AWLN Pioneer* 

"We must lend our support to everyday heroines; women on the frontline in Africa. We all must stand in solidarity and remain mobilized; this is what is needed more than charity or generosity. Coordination and cooperation must contribute to building capacity. This is what the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) is building."





**H.E. Joyce Banda**Former President of the Republic of Malawi *AWLN Pioneer* 

"The African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) engages key stakeholders and encourages AU Member States to ensure the meaningful participation of women in Africa's transformation and to be more inclusive."





H.E. Catherine Samba-Panza
Former President of the Central African Republic *AWLN Pioneer* 

"We are here really first of all to take stock as African women leaders, what achievements we have made, how can we influence policies in governance, how do we go back to our respective countries and ensure that we use the leadership positions that we occupy to bring to the knowledge of women especially these two important documents the Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 which has a lot of implications for women leadership."





H.E. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim Former President of Mauritius AWLN Pioneer

"Women contributions are not negligible and Africa is the only region in the world where more women than men choose to become entrepreneurs. Expanding the opportunities for female entrepreneurs with the AWLN through policies that foster gender equality would have a tremendous impact."





**H.E. Bineta Diop**African Union Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security *AWLN Co-convener* 

"The Call of the African Women Leaders Network is about Africa's transformation. It is about us, as African women.

That is why women are at the forefront to create sustainable economies and peaceful societies. With the AWLN we are bringing people together and leading to achieve Africa's Transformation."





H.E. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Former UN Women Executive Director
AWLN Co-Convener

"With the AWLN, we encourage women to be in solidarity with each other. We make solidarity visits to countries where women are facing the biggest challenges, because of conflict, climate insecurity and other disturbing reasons."





H.E. Dr. Sima Sami Bahous
UN Women Executive Director

"We need to make the economy work for women, especially now as countrie emerge from the pandemic. For women to start and grow their own businesses, they need better access to financial services.

I applaud the launch of the African Women Leaders Impact Fund, which will provide capital for small to medium womenowned businesses."





H.E. Minata Samate Cessouma

AU Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHS), Former AU Commissioner for Political Affairs *AWLN Pioneer* 

"In recent years, progress has been made in fostering the participation of women in governance and political life on the African continent. However, this encouraging progress remains below expectations. Many obstacles continue to prevent such participation.

Our goal with AWLN Governance is to have more women leaders in African Union Member States; more young women leaders; more women and girls who move the world."





H.E. Amira El Fadil

Former AU Commissioner for Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development (HHS)

"Women's participation in the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) with the support of the African Union and the United Nations shows highest commitment to women's leadership in Africa. Women in the informal and social sectors must be supported. Our mission is to work closely with governments to ensure social protection and sustainable ecosystems for women. We are developing clear strategies and guidelines with the Gender Directorate of the African Union Commission to mobilize women from the decision-making level down to grassroots level."





H.E. Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor

Former AU Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation (ESTI)

"The African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Intergenerational Leadership Retreat honors AWLN pledge to the AU 1 Million by 2021 Initiative. The retreat represents a springboard to scale up youth leadership and engagement to deliver on our 1 Million African youth by 2021 on opportunity."





H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko
AU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue
Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE)

"We have overlooked the agricultural sector which is also fragile, affected by climate change, conflict and locusts, among other things. There have been three especially large shocks in this sector in the last two years. There is a key issue of food insecurity. Most of the agricultural labour force (52%) are women. 80% of the food we eat locally is produced by women, and so when looking at any agricultural programme we must consider the gender perspective. With the AWLN we focus our action to deliver and to empower women in the agricultural value and supply chains."





H.E. Amani Abou-ZeidAU Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy

"Integrating policy and planning that prioritises women and hardwires gender is not a side agenda. I am committed to enhance gender responsiveness in the planning, design and implementation of our infrastructure projects and initiatives in Africa and promoting inclusion and participation of women along the infrastructure value chains."





H.E. Ambassador Fatima K. Mohammed
Permanent Observer of the AU to the UN

"The African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) continues to drawattention to the Women's Leadership agenda and provides platforms for increased information sharing and collaboration between regional and sub-regional organizations and with civil society, as well as, through increased engagement of women mediators and women peacebuilders in peace and development interventions."





H.E. Vera Songwe
Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic
Commission for Africa

"With the African Women Leadership Impact Fund, we will create a network of women fund managers, train them for two years and put them out in the market. We are hoping to have as many women running these funds and women entrepreneurs accessing funding."





H.E. Hanna Tetteh

Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union

"With the AWLN, we gain new and fresh perspectives when listening to our young people, particularly young women - from starting digital conversations to mentorship. We should look towards establishing a digital platform so that we have an ongoing intergenerational conversation among senior and young women of the AWLN as adopted at the first AWLN Intergenerational Leadership Retreat in 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya."





H.E. Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Director for Africa

"Today, time is up. My dream is that together we change the reality for women and girls across Africa. If we are successful, we will soon celebrate a growing list of leading women across Africa. There will be better numbers - and even more, demonstrable evidence that things are changing for the better, for women in leadership. It is my conviction that AWLN Governance platform can do just that. It can act as the support structure to unearth more outstanding women. It can be that space where women feel nurtured, get support and a boost, to carry on delivering on the important work of fighting poverty in their communities."





## H.E. Ambassador Patricia Flor

Former Director-General for International Order, United Nations and Arms Control at the German Federal Foreign Office,

**EU** Ambassador to Japon

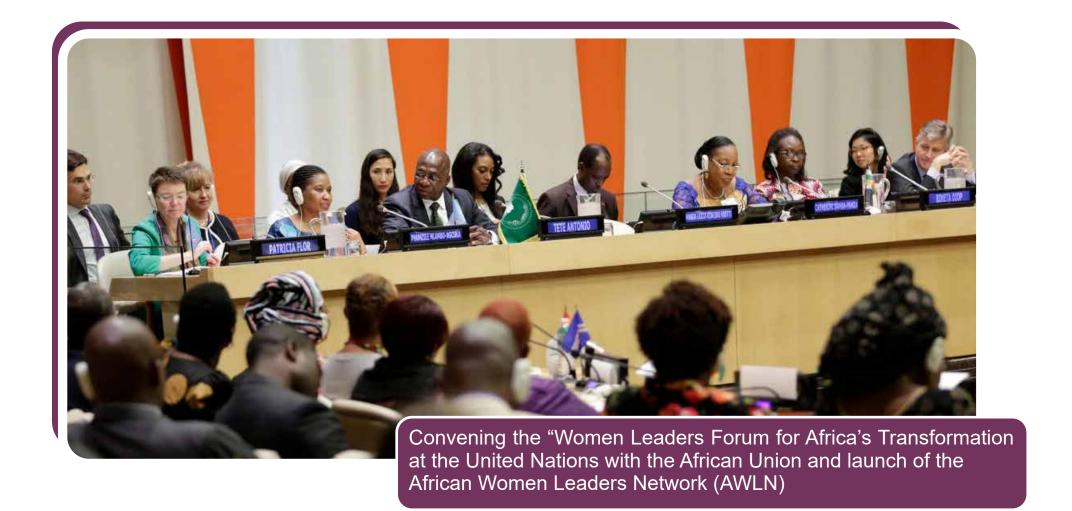
"Germany welcomes the initiative to establish a network of women leaders, acknowledging the remarkable progress several African countries have achieved in terms of women's representation in Parliament. We encourage Members of the network to agree on concrete and visible actions."



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First Women Leaders Forum for Africa's Transformation of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) at the United Nations, New York, June 2017











First Forum of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), New York, June 2017













Founding Members of AWLN, First Forum, New York, June 2017





















Founding Members of AWLN, First Forum, New York, June 2017



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Second Women Leaders Forum for Africa's Transformation of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) at the African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, April 2018



















Second Forum of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), Addis Ababa, April 2018





"African Women Leaders Together to drive the Transformation of Africa." Addis Ababa 2018



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Joint United Nations - African Union Solidarity Missions on Women, Peace, Security and Sustainable Development

Women leaders engaged chronologically in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, South Sudan, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea, Somalia and Sudan.





AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to DRC in 2017













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AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Missions to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Nigeria in 2017













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AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to South Sudan in 2018

















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AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Niger in 2018





















AWLN led UN-AU Mission to Niger, 2018





AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Chad in 2018







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AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Missions to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Cameroon in 2019





AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Ethiopia in 2019

































AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Djibouti in 2019



































AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Eritrea in 2019











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AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Somalia in 2019











AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to Somalia, 2019









AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to revitalize women's participation and leadership in peace, security and development to Soudan in 2019





AWLN led UN-AU Solidarity Mission to Sudan, 2019



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# African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) National Chapters

DR Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, CAR, Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Benin, Cameroon, Morocco, Eritrea, Gabon, Kenya, Liberia, Lesotho, Mauritius, Malawi, Niger, Mali, Mozambique, Uganda, Namibia, São Tomé and Príncipe, Tunisia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and South Africa





African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Democratic Republic of Congo National Chapter



## AWLN DRC Chapter



























African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Côte d'Ivoire National Chapter



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#### AWLN Côte d'Ivoire Chapter









African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Central African Republic National Chapter



## AWLN CAR Chapter













African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Republic of Congo National Chapter







# AWLN Congo Chapter













African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia National Chapter



#### AWLN Ethiopia Chapter





















African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Nigeria National Chapter



#### AWLN Nigeria Chapter













African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Sierra Leone National Chapter



## AWLN Sierra Leone Chapter













African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Seychelles National Chapter









AWLN Seychelles Chapter





African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Benin National Chapter

























African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Cameroon National Chapter











#### AWLN Cameroon Chapter





Hôtel Mont Fébé









African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Morocco National Chapter



#### AWLN Morocco Chapter

































African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Eritrea National Chapter











# AWLN Eritrea Chapter







African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Gabon National Chapter













# AWLN Gabon Chapter











African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Lesotho National Chapter



### AWLN Lesotho Chapter











African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Kenya National Chapter















## AWLN Kenya Chapter



















# AWLN Kenya Chapter











African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Liberia National Chapter























African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Malawi National Chapter

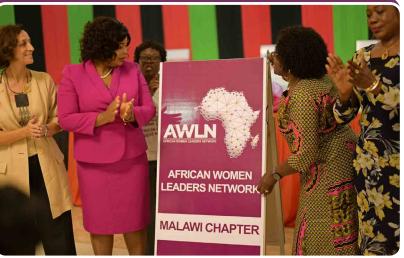


### AWLN Malawi Chapter





















African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Niger National Chapter



## AWLN Niger Chapter

















African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Mali National Chapter







# AWLN Mali Chapter

















African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Mozambique National Chapter







### AWLN Mozambique Chapter





















African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Uganda National Chapter







## AWLN Uganda Chapter





















African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Namibia National Chapter







### AWLN Namibia Chapter



















African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Tunisia National Chapter







## AWLN Tunisia Chapter





















African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Tanzania National Chapter





#### AWLN Tanzania Chapter























African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Zimbabwe National Chapter





# AWLN Zimbabwe Chapter























African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) South Africa National Chapter



# AWLN South Africa Chapter











"Greetings on behalf of the AWLN National Chapters
To advance AWLN's goal to galvanize women's leaders for the
transformation of Africa, the National Chapters are pivotal.
As the frontline representatives of AWLN at the grassroots level, they
are committed to address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19
on women and girls by ensuring that women and girls are at the centre of all recovery interventions and women's leadership is central to
all COVID-19 response and resilience efforts. Their aim is to bring
about changes in female leadership that is both structural and sustainable."

Ms. Awa Ndiaye Seck, UN Women DRC Representative and Special Representative of ED for AWLN



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African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Steering Committee







African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Steering Committee, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2017













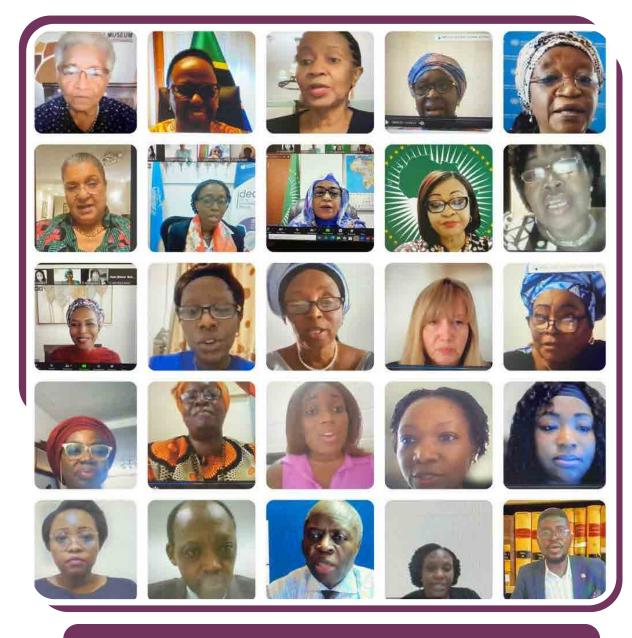






African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Steering Committee, Monrovia, Liberia 2019





African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) Steering Committee, Virtual 2021



**African Women Leadership Impact Fund (AWLIF)** 





Launching the African Women Leadership impact Fund (AWLIF) to strengthen economic empowerment of women by accelerating the growth of African women fund managers





AWLIF Governing Board, Addis Ababa





















Official Launch of the African Women Leadership Impact Fund" (AWLIF)





















Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Africa







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African Women Leaders Network Group of Friends to the United Nations (New York) and the African Union Commission (Addis Ababa)





"Initiaives that support women's organisations, local-led peacebuilding, efforts, mediation, the protection and promotion of women's rights an economic empowerment for women's entrepreneurship, remain one of the key priorities for the Group of Friends of AWLN in New York."

H.E. Ambassador Joyini Mathu PR of South Africa to the UN Co-chair of AWLN Group of Friends to the UN in New York



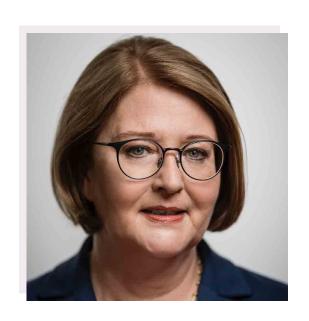


"The AWLN Group of Friends to the UN serves as a platform to galvanize and boost women's leadership in Africa for peace and development in all sectors and at all levels. The main objective of the Group is to identify areas that will enhance the role and leadership of the AWLN in advancing the women's agenda in Africa with the focus on capacity-building and skills transfer."

#### H.E. Ambassador Martha A. A. Pobee

Assistant Secretary-General for Africa
Departments of Politicalmand Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO)
Fomer Co-chair of AWLN Group of Friends New York





"Germany has been a Friend and Partner of AWLN since its inception in 2017. Our Objective as Co-chair of the AWLN Group of Friends to the UN in New York is to support the AWLN initiatives and echo the voices of African Women Leaders in the UN system. We have strived to carry this endeavour forward throughout the years since the launch and are committed to accompany the AWLN which has become a true Pan-African Movement."

### H.E. Ambassador Antje Leendertse

PR of Germany to the UN Co-chair of AWLN Group of Friends to the UN in New York





"We need to remind ourselves to focus once again on affirmative action, and revive and revise the issues of women's rights, including health and socio-economic rights, and to ensure that these include women who are vulnerable such as those in refugee or IDP camps. Strategic partnerships are particularly important and the AWLN Group of Friends at the AU provides this support. In partnerships, women are the fundamental building blocks forming the foundation."

### H.E. Ambassador Rebecca Amuge Otengo,

Ambassador of Uganda to the African Union, Co-Chair of the AWLN Group of Friends to the AU, Addis-Ababa





Launch of AWLN Group of Friends to the United Nations in New York, amongst Permanent Representatives and Observers at the United Nations, the AU, UN and other institutions that share the same drive to advance women rights and promote women's leadership





### Launch of AWLN Group of Friends to the United Nations in New York







# AWLN Group of Friends New York meeting on the margins of CSW63 (2019)

















### AWLN Group of Friends to the AU in Addis-Ababa















# Engaging the International Community: AWLN Group of Friends and AWLN meeting on the margin on UNGA73 (2019)























African Women Leaders Network (AWLN)
Young Women Leaders Caucus





First AWLN Young Women Leaders Retreat, Nairobi, Kenya 2019





H.E Uhuru Kenyatta Presidnt of Kenya Host of the AWLN Young Women Leaders' Retreat



**H.E Ellen Jonhson Sirleaf** Former Presidnt of Liberia **AWLN Patron** 







**AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERS NETWORK (AWLN)** 

**Inter-Generational Retreat** on Leadership in Africa

**Building the Africa We Want Together** 

**AUGUST 2019** 



Nairobi, Kenya

In Partnership with:







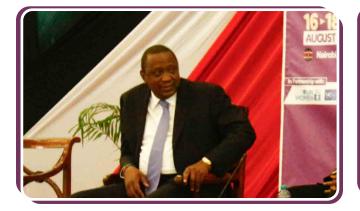








### First AWLN Young Women Leaders Retreat, Nairobi, Kenya 2019



















# AWLN Young Women Leaders engaging in Inter-Generational Dialogue, 2019 Retreat, Nairobi, Kenya























2nd AWLN Young Women Leaders Retreat, Virtual "2020 Inter-Intergenerational Retreat on Leadership in Africa"











**AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERS NETWORK (AWLN)** 

2020 Inter-Generational Retreat on Leadership in Africa

**Building the Africa We Want Together** 

Theme "Women navigating leadership in holistic newness"

Hosted by H.E. Mr. Uhuru M. Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya

15th-16th December



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Republic of Kenya



H.E. Ambassador Raychelle Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka,



Ms Aya Chebbi, AU Youth Envoy



Dr Joannie Bewa, AWLN Young Women Caucus Chair & Steering committee member



#AWLNDialogue2020



### AWLN Young Women Leaders 2020 Inter-Generational Retreat - Virtual





















H.E Uhuru Kenyatta
Presidnt of Kenya
Host of the AWLN Young Women
Leaders' Retreat





**H.E Ellen Jonhson Sirleaf**Former Presidnt of Liberia
AWLN Patron













### AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERS NETWORK 3rd AWLN INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT

#### **Speakers**



H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta President of the Republic of Kenya



Pres. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Tile of Speaker



H.E Amina J. Mohammed UN Deputy Secretary General



H.E. Hannah Tetteh Special Representative of the Secretary General to the African Union Head of th United Nations Office to the African Union



Dr. Joannie Bewa AWLN Young Women Caucus Chair



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H.E Bineta Diop Special Envoy on Women Peace and Security, AUC



Ms. Josephine Kulea AWLN Young Women Caucus Chair



Ms. Chido C.Mpambwa AU Youth Envoy



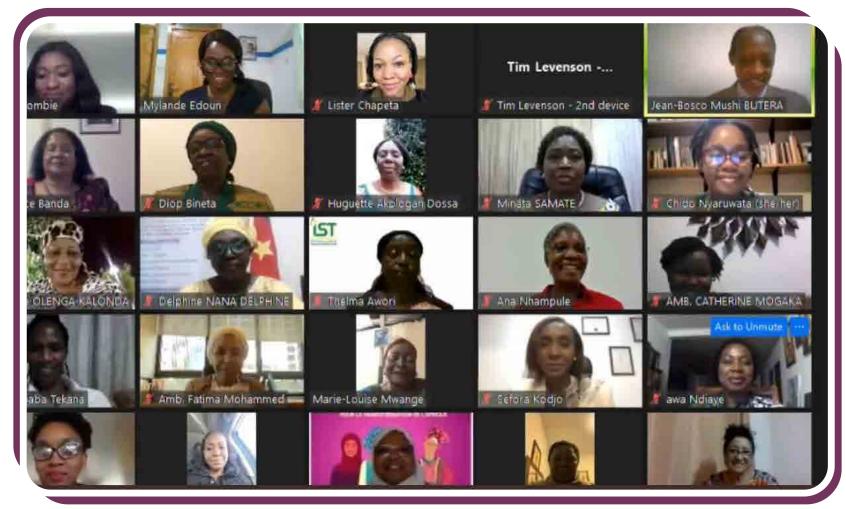
Ms. Nomso Kana YWLC, developer of the platform



H.E. Mrs. Thérèse Olenga Provincial minister in charge of gender and AWLN Kinshasa Pioneer



### 3rd AWLN INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT NOVEMBER 2021





# African Women Leaders Forums





First African Women Leaders' Network Forum "Women Leaders Forum for Africa's Transformation" New York, 2017



### First African Women Leaders' Network Forum 2017















































Second African Women Leaders' Network Forum "Women Working Together for the Africa We Want: From Commitment to Action" Addis-Ababa, 2018



### Second African Women Leaders' Network Forum 2018















































### Second African Women Leaders' Network Forum 2018









































African Women Leaders at the African Union



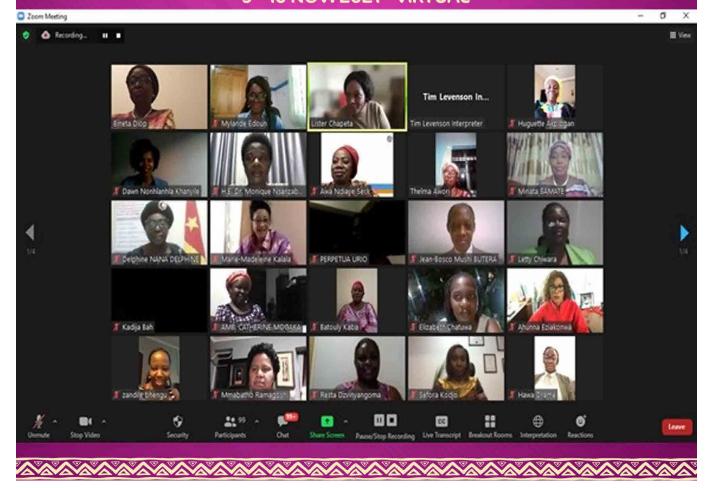






### **AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERS NETWORK**

THIRD WOMEN LEADERS FORUM FOR AFRICA'S TRANSFORMATION
9 - 10 NOV. 2021 - VIRTUAL





#### **Third African Women Leaders' Network Forum 2021**

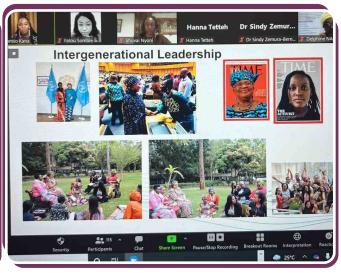
















The African Women Leaders Network together with the International Olympic Committee and the #MeToo Movement, three important initiatives driving global change, received the first POWER, TOGETHER Award during the inaugural Women Leaders Global Forum on November 28th 2018 in Reykjavik, Iceland.



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## **Men's Conference on Positive Masculinity**

Kinshasa DRC, 25th November 2021





# Men's Conference on Positive Masculinity "African Men Leaders Engage in Positive Masculinity Approaches to End the Scourge of Violence Against Women and Girls in Africa" 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Kinshasa, DRC - Hybrid





#### From left to right

H.E. Faure Gnassingbe, President of the Republic of Togo, H.E. Nana Akufo Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana
 H.E. Denis Sassou-Nguesso, President of the Republic of Congo, H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and 2021 AU Chairperson, H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal





H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and 2021 AU Chairperson





H.E. Nana Akufo Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana





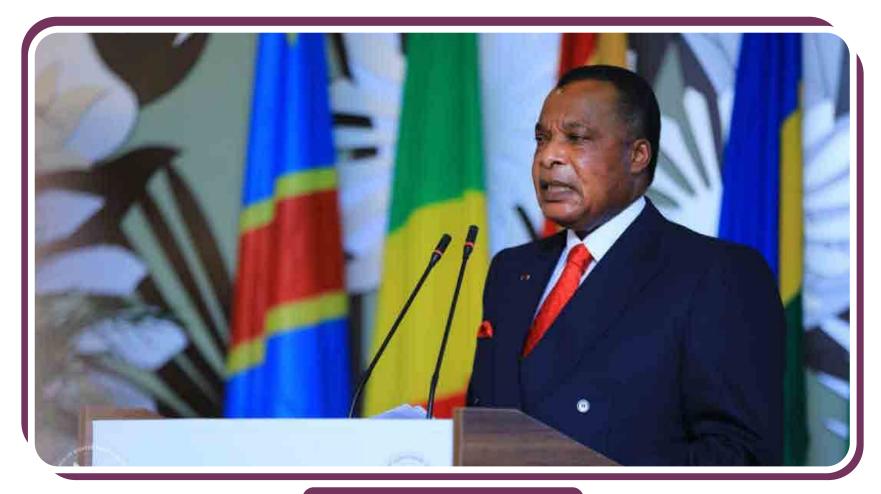
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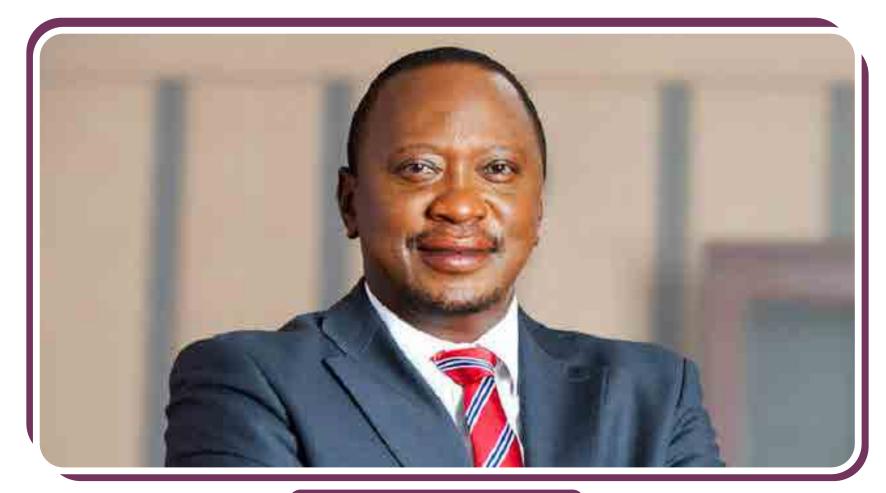
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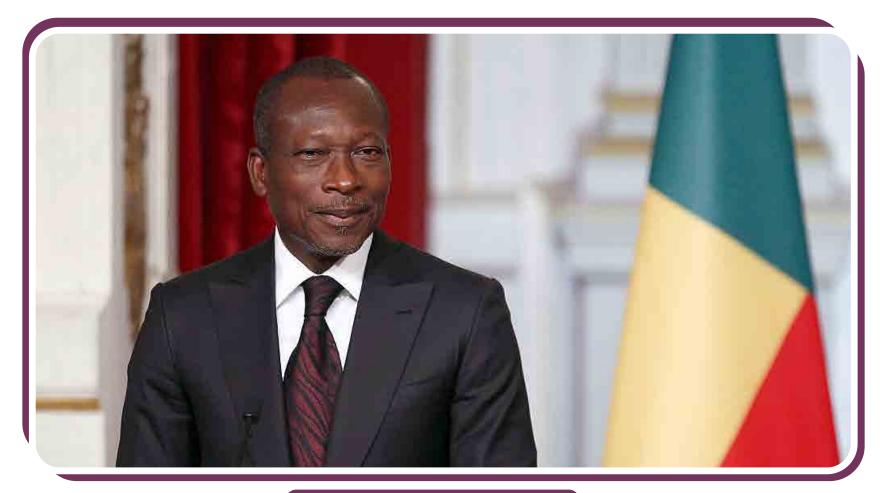
H.E. Faure Gnassingbe, President of the Republic of Togo





H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya (Virtual participation in the Men's Forum)





H.E. Patrice Talon, President of the Republic of Benin (Virtual participation in the Men's Forum)





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H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde President of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia AWLN Pioneer (Virtual Participation in the Men's Forum)





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H.E. Amina J. Mohammed
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
AWLN Pioneer
(Virtual Participation in the Men's Forum)





## **Men's Conference on Positive Masculinity**





















## Men's Conference on Positive Masculinity

























## Pre-Event of the Men's Conference on Positive Masculinity: Consultation with Women Leaders









































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