



**4th ANNUAL HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA:
TRENDS, CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**

WOMEN'S EQUAL PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP IN POLITICAL PARTIES IN AFRICA

**7-8 DECEMBER, 2015
KIGALI, RWANDA**

DRAFT AGENDA

Arrival and Registration

Day 1

Time	Activity	Facilitators
08:00 – 09:00	Cultural Welcome and Registration	
	SESSION ONE Opening Ceremony	

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Remarks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, Director, Africa International IDEA 2. Prof. Shyaka Anastase, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Governance Board 3. Dr. Aisha L. Abdullahi, Commissioner for Political Affairs 	Dr. Khabele Matlosa
09:30 – 10:00	Key Note Speech President Paul Kagame	Dr. Aisha L. Abdullahi, Commissioner for Political Affairs
10:00 – 10:30	Group Photo/Health/Coffee/Tea Break	
1030 - 1130	SESSION TWO: Experience is the best teacher: Veterans Reflections <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Joaquim Chissano, Former President of Mozambique ; 2. H.E. Thabo Mbeki - Former President of South Africa; 3. Former President Festus Mogae – Botswana 4. H.E. Pedro Verona Pires, Former President of Cape Verde (Awarded 2011 Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership Award) 	Generali Ulimwengu
11:30-13:00	SESSION THREE: Been there done that: My story and journey so far This is a practical comparable experience sharing session of leading African women on how they have walked the talk on political parties leadership in Africa: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rwanda Speaker, Lower Chamber of Deputies 2. H.E Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia 3. H.E. Dr. Ameenah-Gurib-Fakim, President of Mauritius 4. H.E Catherine Samba-Panza – President of CAR 5. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of Parliament of Uganda 6. H.E. Aminatta Toure, Former Prime Minister and Special Envoy of the President for internal and external Affairs, Senegal 7. Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy on Gender of the African Development Bank 	Julie Gichuru, Citizen TV News Anchor

13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH AND NETWORKING	
14:00-15:30	<p>SESSION FOUR: What Does Research and Evidence Suggest are the Constraints and Solutions to women equal participation and leadership in political parties</p> <p>This session will share and discuss findings of research undertaken in the run up to the dialogue as well as the outcomes of the Youth Pre Consultation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Brian Kagoro, Independent Researcher and Political Analyst 2. Ms. Donnah Kamashazi, Rwanda Case Study Researcher, UN Women 3. Dr. Felicien Usengumukiza, RGB 4. Youth Representative <p>Moderated Discussion</p>	Prof Adebayo Olukoshi, Director, Africa Programme, IDEA
15:30 – 17:00	<p>SESSION FIVE: Empowering Women to Participate and Lead Political Parties in Africa</p> <p>The session discusses key Challenges and Opportunities to enhance women equal participation and leadership in political parties in Africa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic structural barriers • Political economy constraints • Normative and institutional framework hurdles • Internal party politics, dynamics and structures • Capacity constraints <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jessie Kabwila, Spokesperson, Malawi Congress Party 2. Ms Rabiaa Nejlaoui, Tunisia, Former Member of Parliament 3. H.E Bernadette Lahai, Vice President of Pan African Parliament 4. Hon. Thoko Didiza, Member of Parliament South Africa 5. Hon. Juliana Kantengwe, MP, Rwanda 6. Ms. Bineta Diop, AU Special Envoy on Peace and Security in Africa <p>Moderated Discussion</p>	Ms. Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, OXFAM International
17.30	Coffee Break	

19:00 – 22:00	DINNER, CULTURAL EVENING AND NETWORKING	
DAY 2		
Time	Activity	Moderator
08:30-10:00	<p>SESSION SIX: Talk is Cheap – Action is Key. Political Parties as vehicles for women’ participation and leadership</p> <p>The session provides an opportunity for select African Political Parties to share their experiences and concrete action on how they have promoted and enhanced the capacity of women participation and leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Remi Sonaiya, KOWA Party, Nigeria • Maya Jribi, Founder and Secretary General of Republican Party, Tunisia • Kah Walla, Leader, Cameroon Peoples Party • Joyce Mlewa, Secretary, National Women’s League, Patriotic Front Party, Zambia • Abdou Ramoulate, JUWA Party, Comoros <p>Moderated Discussion</p>	<p>Letty Chiwara, Representative to AU/ECA, UNWOMEN</p>
10:15-10:30	HEALTH BREAK/TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 – 11:30	<p>SESSION SEVEN: WORKING BREAK AWAY GROUPS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR WOMEN’S EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL PARTIES</p> <p>Five break away sessions will examine each of the following key challenges to women’s equal participation and leadership in political parties and consolidate proffer time bound actionable recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women’s participation in leadership structures 2. The effectiveness of women’s leagues 3. Primary elections and nomination of women as candidates 4. Resourcing women’s participation in political parties 	<p>Chair/ Rapporteurs</p> <p>Awino Okech, Indepenedent Political analyst</p> <p>Diakhoumba Gassama- Senegal</p> <p>Hibaaq Osman, Karama, Egypt</p> <p>Melvis Ndiloseh, Cameroon</p>

11:30 – 12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION EIGHT: REPORT BACK FROM BREAKAWAY GROUPS</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rapporteurs from the Breakaway Groups 	
12:30 – 13:00	<p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <p>Distilling Key Messages and Outcome Statement of the Fourth High Level Dialogue on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Khabele Matlosa, Director for Political Affairs, DPA <p>Official Closing Ceremony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Aisha Laraba Abdullahi, Commissioner for Political Affairs Representative from Government of Rwanda 	<p>Prof. Shyaka Anastase, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Governance Board</p>
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00- 18:00	<p>FIELDTRIP Visit to a Women Political Initiative in Rwamagana district about 45min - 1 hour drive, Eastern Province. Participants will interact with the Governor of the Province - a woman.</p>	