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1st African Union Pan-African Conference on Girls and Women's Education (AU-PANCOGED1)

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When: 2-5 July 2024

Where: AU HQ, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Starting from 8:30 am (EAT).

Register to attend in person or online:

<https://aupancoged.org/register/>

Why: In recognition of 2024 as the African Union Year of Education under the theme "*Educate an African fit for the 21st Century: Building resilient education systems for increased access to inclusive, lifelong, quality, and relevant learning in Africa*", this conference intends to convene all key voices on girls and women's education. The main purpose of the conference is to position equitable access to quality education for girls and women, and particularly in humanitarian situations during the AU Theme of year 2024, collectively evaluate the status of girls and women's education in Africa, galvanize support for financing, and strengthen advocacy towards high-level adoption of gender transformative and inclusive policies and frameworks.

Who: The Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI) department through the African Union International Centre for the Education of Girls and Women in Africa (AU/CIEFFA).

Objectives: The Pan African Conference aims to:

1. Popularize and widely disseminate the continental #AfricaEducatesHer campaign;
2. Evaluate and crystalize the Status of Girls and Women's Education in Africa;
3. Explore Sustainable financing opportunities for Girls and Women's Education in Africa;
4. Identify challenges, recommendations, and key solutions for the advancement of girls and women's education and skills development in Africa;

5. Strengthen networks and partnerships of stakeholders working on the intersections of gender equality and education in Africa;

6. Advocate for the adoption of frameworks, recommendations, and policies particularly, those formulated by the AU Summit of Heads of States and governments, through the 8th High Level Dialogue (HLD) on gender equality.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Popularization of #AfricaEducatesHer Campaign within all AU Member states;

2. Crystallized Status on Girls and Women's Education and Skills Development in Africa;

3. Sustained financing for Girls and Women's Education in Africa;

4. Identified challenges, recommendations, and key solutions for the advancement of girls and women's education and skills development in Africa;

5. Strengthened networks and partnerships of stakeholders working on the intersections of gender equality and education in Africa;

6. Adoption of Frameworks, decisions, and policy recommendations, particularly those formulated by the AU Summit of Heads of states and governments on the AU 2024 theme of the year, through the 8th High Level Dialogue (HLD).

Media are invited to cover the 1st African Union Pan-African Conference on Girls and Women's Education (AU-PANCOGE1) from 2-5 July 2024.

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