



GenEgaliteECCAS

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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# 2023 in Review

Running through the various key points of 2023

Membership	GenEgaliteECCAS embraces diversity with active participation from nearly 20 organizations and individual members across the CEMAC countries, fostering a comprehensive and inclusive approach to advancing gender equality.
Meaningfully engagement of international spaces	INC2 (Paris, France), CSW67 /CPD 46 (New York, USA), Women Deliver (Kigali, Rwanda), COP28 (Dubai, UAE), LDC (Doha, Qatar)
Cross border Feminist Solidarity visits	Sao Tomé et Príncipe and Rwanda
Meetings and Advocacy with some High level personalities	Met with 5 female ministers and 20 Female Members of Parliament and the Senate
Learning Exchanges	Hosted 6 Learning Series on women's rights frameworks and instruments
Outreaches	Reached out to thousands persons across the central africa subregion with climate justice education and information
Publications	Featured in several media outlets
Monthly Meetings	Presented policy brief at international panels including COP28
3rd General Assembly	Collectively and successfully convened 11 monthly meetings
Awards and Testaments	The achievements of our members continued, keeping us going ahead.

## MESSAGE FROM CO-CONVENER



Over the past years, it has become evidently clear that there is a structural and systemic pattern put in place to continually limit women and girls meaningful participation at critical decision making spaces. At GenEgaliteECCAS, we seek to dismantle and disrupt any of such barriers - be it structural (discrimination due to one's age, language, geographical locations... etc) or systemic (Visa denial, funding patterns etc), by ensuring that we co-convene monthly to think through ways to see how the rights of women and girls especially from our sub region, including the voices and rights of the women's rights activists and leaders become more visible and involved.

By meeting every 1st Friday of the month, we have not only built stronger bonds but have crafted alternative ways to organize and galvanize within the central African subregion and the globe at large. We have also been able to reshape the popular narrative which portrays the subregion as only having protracted armed conflicts, bad governance, dictatorship, diseases, poverty, and violence. Seldom do the brave women and girls who wake up every morning invest their time and energy to see how their children can have a good education, quality health care, and a better life, or their community/streets are clean and safe from pollution and devastating impacts of climate change, etc. These local heroes do not get to be celebrated. By recognising these efforts and contributions, GenEgaliteECCAS is not only contributing to building the feminist future for the kind of ECCAS subregion we want but also a feminist future for all.

As we wrap up 2023, I feel extremely proud of all we have achieved and are still to accomplish. The year 2024 undoubtedly is going to be a huge year for GenEgaliteECCAS since we shall be celebrating our 5th anniversary - that's

**5 YEARS OF CONTINUED RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE IN FEMINISM.**

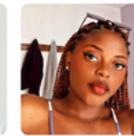
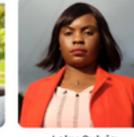


**Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbondgulo-Wondieh**

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## MEET *the* MEMBERS OF 2023

 Manka Unice Cameroon	 Fongang Aurel Cameroon	 Nancy Makeoh Cameroon	 NICOLE MICHELLE Cameroon	 Juanita Nchama Equatorial Guinea	 Nestor Moyo DR Congo	 Ida Flore Gabon	 Sandra Enih Cameroon	 Hilux Fokou Cameroon
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# MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENTS

## March 2023

- The Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) in Doha, Qatar: **Representatives** - Agbor Rita, Mahamat Abdoulaye
- Sixty-Seventh Session on the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) in New York, USA: **Representatives** - Nancy Makeoh, Juanita Owono, Ndefon Beatrice, Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongdulo-Wondieh



(a) CSW67 New York



(b) LDC5 Doha

## April 2023

New York, USA

- Water Conference: **Representatives** - Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongdulo-Wondieh
- Commission on Population and Development: Nancy Makeoh

## May 2023

Paris, France: Second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-2): **Representatives** - Ndefon Beatrice, Mahamat Ali, Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongdulo-Wondieh



(a & b) INC-2 Paris

# MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENTS

## Continuation

### June 2023

Bonn, Germany: SBI on Climate Conference: **Representatives** - Hilux Fokou and Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongulo-Wondieh

### July 2023

Kigali, Rwanda: Women Deliver: **Representatives** - Njilli Mercy, Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongulo-Wondieh



(a) SB58 Bonn



(b) WD 2023 Kigali

### September 2023

Africa Climate Week and Africa Climate Summit: **Representatives** - Emmanuel Ndabombi, Dr. Primus Beng, Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongulo-Wondieh

### November 2023

Accra, Ghana: 2nd Feminist COP Africa: Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongulo-Wondieh



(a) ACS2023 Nairobi



(b) Feminist COP Accra

# MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENTS

Continuation

December 2023

Dubai, UAE : COP28 Climate Conference: **Representatives** - Hilux Fokou, Olga Binti, Biya Zakaria, Ndefon Beatrice, Agbor Rita, Emmanuel Ndabombi, Dr. Alfred, Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongulo-Wondieh



COP 28 Dubai

# Cross Border Feminist Solidarity Visit

Sao Tomé-et-Principe



## Feminist Solidarity Visit to Sao Tome et Principe: A Journey of Empowerment and Collaboration

January 2023 was marked with GenEgaliteECCAS delegates embarking on their 7th cross-border feminist solidarity visit in São Tomé et Príncipe (STP). Collaboratively organized with Women for a Change, Solidarity Health Foundation, and SOS Muhler, this visit focused on introducing the Generation Equality Action Coalition agenda and campaign to women's rights leaders in STP. It also aims to connect with grassroots populations, particularly women and girls, to prepare them for the 67th edition of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) and to promote the Generation Equality Forum agenda. The visit also included meetings with key government officials, including the first Minister of Women's Rights and some 20 Female Members of Parliament and the Senate, as well as with over 100 adolescent girls and women's rights leaders. These interactions provided a comprehensive understanding of the experiences, challenges, and aspirations of women and girls in the region. Most importantly, women's rights activists from STP are participating in the CSW processes for the first time.

## MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS: A MILESTONE ENGAGEMENT



GenEgaliteECCAS's meeting with the Minister of Women's Rights during their visit to São Tomé and Príncipe was a pivotal moment in their efforts to advance gender equality. The delegation met with top government officials, including the Minister of Women's Rights and Female Members of Parliament. These meetings focused on discussing commitments to the Generation Equality processes and the upcoming CSW67 agenda, reflecting GenEgaliteECCAS's strategic approach to engaging with high-level policymakers. The primary goal was to reach out to the grassroots population, especially women and girls, ahead of CSW67 and to promote the Generation Equality Forum agenda. The involvement of government officials like the Minister of Women's Rights signified a crucial step towards integrating gender sensitivity into policy reforms at a governmental level.



This engagement provided GenEgaliteECCAS with a holistic view of the experiences of women and girls in São Tomé and Príncipe, revealing key challenges such as child marriages, gender-based violence, and other injustices to the leaders we met. These insights are invaluable for shaping future strategies and advocating for gender equality in policy-making

# LEARNING EXCHANGES, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS, OUTREACHES AND CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

## Learning Exchange



As a movement, learning is key to the sustainability and growth of the platform. Members represent and bring to the diverse wealth of knowledge and expertise, by doing so, internal capacity development and strengthening through peer learning and exchange helps in equipping members with the needed skills and tactics needed to champion the gender justice agenda across the central africa sub region and beyond. This also helps members better prepare effectively for international forums, ensuring that the voices of women and girls from the ECCAS region are prominently represented and heard.

## Community Engagement and Support Beyond Meetings

Our approach in Sao Tome et Principe was hands-on. We actively engaged with women and girls in local communities, offering guidance and support to victims of Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Through various discussions and workshops, we created safe spaces for sharing experiences and building resilience. This direct interaction not only provided support but also gathered valuable insights into the challenges faced by women in the region.



The visit successfully raised awareness among the local community about the Generation Equality Forum, CSW67, and the GenEgaliteECCAS platform. This engagement paved the way for São Tomé and Príncipe's inaugural participation in the CSW, signifying a significant step in elevating their understanding and commitment to gender equality.

Looking ahead, GenEgaliteECCAS aimed to build upon the progress made during this visit. This included disseminating the experiences to a broader audience, actively involving more women in their initiatives, and maintaining engagement with the women of São Tomé. Furthermore, there are plans to lobby for funding and grants to address gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health rights violations in São Tomé. GenEgaliteECCAS is also committed to providing capacity-building support to local organizations and government officials, further strengthening their regional impact.

# VALENTINE'S DAY CAMPAIGN AND OUTREACHES

As part of our continuous efforts to promote reproductive health and rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Cameroon, IJEFA RDC, GVP MASAR RDC and Women for a Change (Wfac), all member partners of GenEgaliteECCAS, organized an innovative campaign on Valentine's Day.

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

IJEFA & GVP MASAR held a series of campaigns which aimed to raise awareness about unwanted pregnancies among teens and adolescents in Uvira. The campaign engaged young women, girls, and boys, educating them on basic contraceptive measures and reproductive health rights. This included interactive workshops, distribution of educational materials, and community outreach programs. The focus was on disseminating accurate information about contraception, safe sex practices, and the importance of consensual relationships.



## CAMEROON

Women for a Change organized the “My Health First” campaign, free counseling and screening targeting adolescent girls and young women aged 15-24 across the Yaounde municipality.

By targeting Valentine's Day, a day often associated with romance, the campaign effectively drew attention to the severe issue of unwanted pregnancies. It resonated particularly with the youth, leading to increased awareness and discussions around safe sexual practices and reproductive health choices. The success of this campaign was a result of the cross-country collaborative efforts between Women for a Change (Cameroon), IJEFA & GVP MASAR in DRC, and local community leaders. Their combined expertise and commitment were instrumental in reaching a broad audience and making a meaningful impact.





## GENEGALITECCAS AND CLIMATE JUSTICE POLICY CAMPAIGNS AND DIALOGUE

Heavily impacted by Climate Change, as we prepared for the COP28, regions of Cameroon saw a series of flooding that affected women and girls including hospitals and schools. We saw our team going out as first responders, providing assistance to the people in need mostly stuck due to water flood.



# International Policy Spaces and Meetings

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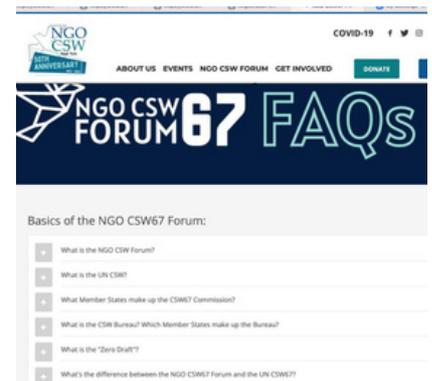
# I. GenEgaliteECCAS & CSW67

## 1. Members' Preparedness for CSW67

Ahead of CSW67, GenEgaliteECCAS embarked on a meticulous preparation journey, recognizing the significance of this global platform for women's rights and gender equality. Our approach was twofold: firstly, preparing our members to maximize their engagement and impact, and secondly, ensuring that our broader community was involved and informed.

### i. Training on Navigating the CSW67 Digital Platform:

We organized a series of comprehensive training sessions for our members, focused on key issues related to gender equality and advocacy strategies. These sessions aimed to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively engage in discussions at CSW67. Additionally, we developed detailed guidelines on virtual engagement, recognizing the evolving nature of global conferences. These guidelines offered practical tips on digital participation, ensuring that our members could contribute meaningfully, regardless of their location.



### ii. Community Engagement for CSW67:

Engaging the wider community was essential to amplify our impact at CSW67. We held informational sessions and discussions within local communities across the ECCAS region, aiming to raise awareness about the topics to be addressed at the conference. This not only ensured that our representation at CSW67 was grounded in the real experiences and needs of women and girls in our region but also fostered a sense of collective responsibility and involvement.

### iii. Early Start to Preparation:

Our preparation for CSW67 was not a last-minute effort. We began well in advance, understanding the importance of thorough and thoughtful preparation. This allowed us to reflect on the lessons learned from previous engagements, fine-tune our strategies, and ensure that every member of our delegation was ready to make a significant contribution to the conference.



The comprehensive preparation by GenEgaliteECCAS for CSW67 exemplified our commitment to not just participating in global forums but making a substantial impact in advocating for gender equality and the rights of women and girls in the ECCAS region.

## 2. Youth Preparation Series:

As part of our membership, we have young people who are breaking the barracks! Young people from Mifali, through their engagement and collaboration with the NGO CSW NY, hosted “The Youth Preparation Series”, engaging young people from different parts of the world in regions on Building a Technology Friendly society for young people ahead of the CSW67.



The Youth Preparation Series for CSW67, facilitated by MIFALI, was an impactful initiative aimed at empowering young people in the lead-up to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67). This series was designed to prepare youth for a meaningful and effective experience at CSW. This initiative significantly contributed to enhancing youth participation and ensuring their voices were heard in these crucial global discussions.



### 3. GenEgaliteECCAS CSW67 Watch Parties



In an unprecedented effort to democratize access to important global gender equality discussions, GenEgaliteECCAS hosted a series of watch parties across the ECCAS region for the 67th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) session. These watch parties were not just events but powerful tools for breaking down barriers that women, girls, and other young people often face in engaging with international platforms like the CSW. The watch parties were held across seven ECCAS countries, covering a wide geographic area. This ensured that a diverse range of voices and perspectives from the region were included in the global dialogue on gender equality.



Encouraged by the enthusiastic response to the watch parties, GenEgaliteECCAS plans to continue this initiative for future CSW sessions and other relevant international events. The objective is to make global gender equality conversations more accessible and inclusive, ensuring that the voices from the ECCAS region are heard and recognized on the world stage.

## 4. GenEgaliteECCAS at CSW67 in New York



At the CSW67 in NY, we were represented by 4 of our members (Ndefon Beatrice, Nancy Mafor, Juanita Owono and Dr. Zoneziwoh Mbongulo-Wondieh). This was the first time we were taking part at CSW in person post-COVID19. It was therefore indeed a turning point for us as we came together as a team to organize a parallel event themed: “Building Intergenerational Feminist Movements through Digital Organizing across Central Africa.”

The event was a hallmark of our commitment to fostering inclusive and diverse feminist movements. It provided a platform for voices from different generations to converge, share experiences, and discuss digital activism strategies in Central Africa.

The event featured panel discussions and interactive sessions where young activists, seasoned feminists, and digital experts shared their perspectives. This dialogue bridged generational gaps, offering insights into how different age groups perceive and engage with feminist movements. In line with the theme, we explored the role of digital technology in advancing feminist agendas. Discussions revolved around leveraging social media, online platforms, and digital tools to amplify voices and organize campaigns effectively. Participants spoke about women and girls' challenges in the ECCAS region, from societal norms to digital access issues. The event highlighted how these challenges can be addressed through innovative digital strategies. A key outcome of the event was the development of action plans for building more robust, more connected feminist movements in the ECCAS region. These plans emphasized digital literacy, online safety, and collaborative campaigns.

## 4. GenEgaliteECCAS at CSW67 in New York

### Continuation

### Reflecting our engagement

To ensure wide participation, we organized watch parties across local communities in the ECCAS region. These parties enabled those who couldn't attend in person to participate virtually, ensuring a broader reach and impact.

Post-event, we collected feedback from both on-site and virtual participants. This feedback is crucial for shaping our future initiatives and enhancing our approach to digital feminist organizing.

This event at CSW67 was not just a discussion forum but a catalyst for action, inspiring new ways to engage and mobilize for gender equality through digital means. It set the tone for future initiatives and underscored our commitment to nurturing an inclusive and dynamic feminist movement



## 5. Localisation of CSW67 Outcomes Agreed Conclusion across ECCAS countries

In localising the agreed conclusions of the CSW67, GenEgaliteECCAS members embarked on a robust campaign. This initiative was not just about disseminating information but ensuring that we feed back to the communities what was discussed in NY.



### Some of the activities included:

#### 5.1 Community meetings:

In countries like Burundi, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, and Sao Tome et Principe, our member organizations took the lead in this endeavour. They organized community meetings, workshops, and discussion forums to analyze and share the outcomes of CSW67.

#### 5.2 Dialogue:

A key aspect of our efforts was to evaluate whether the voices and concerns of ECCAS countries were heard and addressed at CSW67. By doing so, some of our members held a series of dialogues to review the agreed conclusions and assess how they address the lived realities of the women and girls from this sub-region. By doing so, some of our constituency members became aware of global gender equality discussions and how these relate to their lives. It fostered a sense of worldwide connectedness and reinforced the relevance of international advocacy to local issues. The feedback from these activities was invaluable. This will guide our future advocacy at international forums like CSW, ensuring that we continually align our global engagements with the needs of our local communities.

## II. LDC5: From Potential to Prosperity

Doha, Qatar

The Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) in Doha, Qatar, was a pivotal event for GenEgaliteECCAS, offering a global stage to represent the interests and voices of the ECCAS countries. This conference was not just an assembly; it was a chance to transform potential into prosperity, particularly for the most vulnerable communities.



GenEgaliteECCAS's delegation played an active role in various discussions and roundtables. Our members contributed insights and advocated for policies that consider the unique challenges faced by least-developed countries, especially in the realm of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Aligning with our mission, we emphasized the integration of gender perspectives into development strategies. We underscored the necessity of addressing gender disparities to achieve sustainable development in LDCs. LDC5 provided an excellent opportunity for networking with global leaders, NGOs, and other stakeholders. GenEgaliteECCAS leveraged these interactions to build partnerships and garner support for our ongoing projects and initiatives in the ECCAS region.

Inspired by the outcomes of LDC5, GenEgaliteECCAS is committed to continuing its advocacy and efforts to transform the potential of our region into prosperity. We aim to integrate the learnings and strategies developed at LDC5 into our programs, driving forward the agenda of sustainable and equitable development.

## III. The UN 2023 Water Conference

New York, United States of America

The UN 2023 Water Conference took place on 22-24 March in New York and is the most important United Nations-hosted event on water supply, sanitation and hygiene in some 50 years. As a platform, we had the privilege to have one of our distinguished members representing us highlighting the issues and concerns women and girls face mostly due to lack of sufficient clean water. The direct link of this to SRHR was also mentioned highlighting the impact of water scarcity on Gender Equality.



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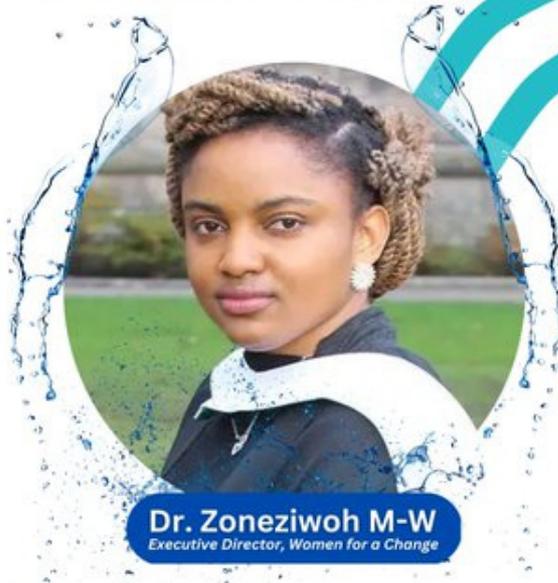
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## IV. The forty-six session on Commission on Population and Development (CPD46)

**New York, United States of America**

The forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD46) provided an essential platform for GenEgaliteECCAS to engage in global discussions about population and development issues. As an organization committed to gender equality and women's empowerment in the ECCAS region, our participation was focused on bringing our region's unique perspectives and challenges to the forefront.

Our delegates advocated for policies and programs that consider the specific needs of women and girls, emphasizing the importance of gender sensitivity in population and development strategies. The event was also a significant opportunity for networking with other organizations, governments, and agencies working in population and development.

Following the session, GenEgaliteECCAS focused on disseminating the knowledge and information acquired at CPD46 to its member organizations and local communities in the ECCAS region. The participation in CPD46 was a testament to GenEgaliteECCAS's ongoing commitment to influencing global population and development policies through the lens of gender equality and empowerment. It reinforced our role as a key stakeholder in shaping a sustainable and equitable future for the ECCAS region.



## V. Women Deliver 2023

Kigali, Rwanda



The Women Deliver conference, held in Kigali from July 17th to 20th, 2023, with the theme "Spaces, Solidarity, and Solutions," presented an invaluable opportunity for GenEgaliteECCAS to engage in critical discussions on women's and girls' empowerment.

In line with the theme, our delegation engaged in various sessions, including the one hosted by MIFALI, members of the platform and other sessions focusing on menstrual health, gender-based violence, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). Our members actively participated in presentations and panel discussions, sharing experiences, challenges, and successes from our work in the ECCAS region. This included showcasing innovative approaches and solutions we have implemented to address issues like menstrual health and gender-based violence.

The conference was a platform for exchanging knowledge and best practices with other global leaders and organizations. This enriched our understanding and provided new perspectives to enhance our work across the region.



## VI. African Feminist COP28: A New Narrative for Climate Justice and Gender Transition

### Accra, Ghana

In October 2023, GenEgaliteECCAS took a pivotal step forward in the fight for climate justice by participating in the landmark Feminist COP28, held in Accra, Ghana, from the 23rd to the 27th. This event was an extraordinary gathering of minds and movements under the topic of "A Feminist Approach to Just Transitions." The conference brought together activists, policymakers, and thought leaders from across the globe to discuss the integral role of gender justice in climate change policies and actions.

With the theme "Spaces, Solidarity, and Solutions," Feminist COP28 was designed to challenge the norms and craft new pathways for collective action. It aimed to undo the normalization of self-sacrifice in activism, instead celebrating the power of joint care and collaborative resistance. These discussions reinforced our stance on the importance of solidarity and support within feminist movements, especially in the face of climate challenges. We contributed to sessions that examined the intersections between gender justice and climate action, emphasizing the unique impacts of climate change on women and girls in the ECCAS region.



## VII. Plastic Pollution INC-2

Paris, France

Our member's engagement at the INC-2 negotiations pushed the discussions ahead. The second Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) meeting to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (Plastic Pollution INC-2), took place in May 2023 in Paris, France.

This meeting was being held pursuant to the resolution adopted by the resumed fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2), which requested the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director to convene an INC to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.



## VIII. The SB58

### Bonn, Germany

The 58th sessions of the UNFCCC's Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) represented the last big milestone in the climate negotiations before the culmination of the first Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement at COP 28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It provided an opportunity to collectively reflect on where the world stands in terms of addressing climate change. The subsidiary bodies meet twice a year, once in June and once in November/December alongside the COP. The SBSTA is the link between the scientific information provided by expert sources, such as the IPCC, and the policy-oriented needs of the governing bodies. The SBI focuses on assessing and reviewing the implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement. The SBSTA and SBI work together on cross-cutting issues that touch on both their areas of expertise, which is the case for many issues.



SBI 58 and SBSTA 58 convened from 5-15 June 2023 at the World Convention Center in Bonn, Germany. The platform members united again in Germany for a single course, 'Climate Change'. Representing the ECCAS region, we actively lobbied for a Just Transition, a transition considering the pains and sufferings of grassroots women and girls. The SB58 gave us a platform as an affected region to better understand how to push and enact policies against climate change.

Our participation in SB58 increased policymakers' awareness about the gender dimensions of climate change. We successfully advocated for the inclusion of gender-specific guidelines in technical documents. GenEgaliteECCAS is committed to strengthening its role as a knowledge hub, facilitating the exchange of best practices and insights on gender-responsive climate action.





## IX. AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT

Nairobi, Kenya



From 4-6 September 2023, the African Union and the Government of Kenya co-hosted the inaugural Africa Climate Summit to discuss sustainable solutions to global climate challenges under the theme "Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World." The summit culminated in the Nairobi Declaration, an eleven-point call to action proclaiming African States' unified stance on climate action ahead of the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28).

Approximately 30,000 delegates participated, including 18 Heads of African States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres, and President of the European Union Ursula von der Leyen, with discussions centered on climate action financing, the green growth agenda for Africa, and climate action and economic development.

## X. SDG Action Week

New York, USA

Global Goals Week 2023 aims to mobilize communities, demand urgency, and supercharge solutions for the SDGs.

Global Goals Week is an annual week of action, awareness, and accountability for the SDGs, with partners across civil society, business, academia, and the UN system coming together to accelerate action on the SDGs, especially during the UN General Assembly's (UNGA) High-level Week. It is also an opportunity to speak out as one voice and share ideas and transformative solutions in the fight to recover better from global challenges.

GenEgaliteECCAS, represented by some of our members, actively participated in this week-long event, championing the cause of gender equality as integral to achieving all SDGs. Going forward, GenEgaliteECCAS plans to expand its outreach, advocating for gender considerations in all aspects of SDG implementation.





# Meet us at COP28 in Dubai !



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# XI. COP28 UAE

## Dubai, UAE

The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP 28) marks a pivotal moment in global climate action. As world leaders and environmental stakeholders convene, GenEgaliteECCAS steps forward as a key advocate for integrating gender perspectives into climate policies. At COP 28, GenEgaliteECCAS followed discussions on the disproportionate impact of climate change on women and girls, especially in the ECCAS region. Our delegation presented research findings on gender-specific vulnerabilities and advocated for gender-sensitive climate resilience strategies.

The discussions at COP 28 led to several commitments from member states to consider gender impacts in their climate policies. Going forward, GenEgaliteECCAS plans to monitor these commitments, ensuring that they translate into tangible actions. We aim to collaborate with regional governments and NGOs to implement gender-responsive climate solutions, building resilience among communities most affected by climate change.



### From Mr. Antonio Guterres - SG, UN

“2024 must be a year for rebuilding trust and restoring hope. We must come together across divides for shared solutions”

“The era of fossil fuels must end – and it must end with justice and equity.”

“In our fractured and divided world, COP28 can show that multilateralism remains our best hope to tackle global challenges.”



## XII. General Assembly

Dubai, UAE

The GenEgaliteECCAS General Assembly, strategically scheduled in Dubai between the COP 28 sessions, served as a critical juncture for our organization to reflect, strategize, and align our goals.

The primary focus was to evaluate the achievements and challenges of the past year. This involved a review of the initiatives and campaigns undertaken by GenEgaliteECCAS, assessing their impact and effectiveness in advancing gender equality in the ECCAS region. Members collaborated to formulate strategies for the upcoming year. This included setting goals, identifying priority areas, and developing action plans to enhance the organization's impact. A significant part of the assembly was dedicated to sharing experiences and insights from various initiatives, including the activities. Members discussed what worked well, challenges faced, and lessons learned, aiming to refine future approaches. The assembly concluded with the adoption of several resolutions aimed at strengthening the organization's work. These resolutions addressed areas like advocacy, capacity building, digital organizing, and community engagement while celebrating our 5th Year Anniversary in a unique way.



# SHARING EXPERIENCES AND LEARNING TOGETHER WITH GenEgaliteECCAS

In ensuring power-sharing & decision-making, GenEgaliteECCAS members, in an internal monthly meeting series, share their journey as individuals and collective in advancing gender Justice.



Zakaria Biya



Njilli Mercy



Mme Ndikum Patricia



Olga Binti



Dr Beng Primus

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During the course of the year, our members took part in a learning and experience-sharing methodology through which they shared the work they do in their communities, especially around impacting women and girls. Members used innovative presentation methods to educate the other members of the platform, contributing to reinforcing their knowledge and capacities.

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Mme Manka Unice



Mme Juanita Nsama



Mme Michelle Nicole



Mme Ida Flore



Mme Nancy Mafor #GenEgaliteECCAS

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# AWARDS

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

At GenEgaliteECCAS, we take immense pride in acknowledging the exceptional achievements of our members who have not only excelled in their individual capacities but have also significantly contributed to the broader mission of gender equality and empowerment.



One of our esteemed members, Njili Ireline Mercy, was an integral part of the Young Leaders and Learners Program (YLYP) Delegate Champions, organized by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York (NGO CSW/NY). Through her participation in this prestigious program, she had the unique opportunity to engage her peers and foster a collaborative spirit. Notably, she organized watch parties in Cameroon for the CSW68 and the Youth preparation series, creating a vibrant space for dialogue and learning. Her initiatives exemplify her dedication to gender advocacy and her ability to inspire and mobilize her community towards positive change.



We are also immensely proud that two of our members, Hilux and Michelle, were selected as part of the elite group of 20 Global Youth Fellows for Gender Equality by NGO CSW/NY, as recognized on the Global Youth Fellows page. This prestigious selection is not only a recognition of their individual commitment to gender advocacy but also a testament to their leadership qualities and innovative approaches in tackling gender-related issues. Their achievements as Global Youth Fellows reinforce the vital role GenEgaliteECCAS plays in nurturing and supporting future leaders in the gender equality arena.

As we acknowledge these milestones, we are reminded of the collective strength and influence of our organization. The success stories of our members are a clear reflection of how the support, guidance, and resources provided by GenEgaliteECCAS are pivotal in empowering advocates for gender equality. These achievements inspire us to further our mission, striving to empower more individuals to become influential voices in the global discourse on gender equality.

## Detailed attendance of members in 2023 from January - November

No	Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	ABDELSALAM MAHAMAT SALEH											
2	AGBOR RITA TAKEM											
3	BAIYE FRIDA EBAL											
4	CÉLINE NGON BABA											
5	CINDY-SALLY LIMUNGE MOKAKE											
6	CONSCIENCE KUKWAH											
7	DANIEL ENOW AYUK-NKEM											
8	DORIS MBIENWOBUEW											
9	EKEMBE MIRABEL ACHEBI											
10	FIKIRI NZOYISENGA											
11	FOGANG AUREL											
12	FOKOU HILUX											
13	HAMIT MAHAMAT AHAMAT											
14	IDA FLORE MAROUNDOU											
15	JESSICA NEVES											
16	JESS-ALFRED NONDHO O.											
17	JAUNITA NCHAMA OWONO											
18	LADY EMMA LEBAGA											
19	LEKU SYLVIA NAKOU											
20	MANKA UNICE NGONANGIE											
21	MAHAMAT ALI ABDOULAYE											
22	NANCY MAKEOH MAFOR											
23	NESTER MOYO											
24	NDEFON BEATRICE											
25	NICOLE MICHELLE SOJIP											
26	NJILI MERCY											
27	OLGA BINTI BAKARI											
28	PATRICIA NDIKUM											
29	PRIMUS BENG											
30	ROSELINE KAMDEM											
31	TAMON SANDRA ENIH											
32	ZAKARIA BIYA											
33	ZONEZIWOH MBONDGULO-WONDIEH											
34	MAHAMAT ALLADJABA BANI											
35	ABDOULAYE MOUSSA											
36	RODDY TANGA											
37	FATIME ALI MAHAMMAT											
38	INGRID CYRIELLE FOGUE D.											

Present ●

Absent ○



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We come together from the different ECCAS countries to create positive change.

# Thank You.