

# African Network for the Promotion of Women Parliamentarians (ANPWP)

## TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS IN WEST AFRICA

Follow-up and assessment of the policies and programmes to implement the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and legislative agendas

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## Recommendations for Gender Mainstreaming in the APRM

### *Main Areas*

Main areas of the APRM	Role of Parliamentarians	Proposed Indicators/Mechanisms
<b>1. Political and democratic governance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Raising awareness to parliamentary responsibility</li> <li>❖ Creating a gender caucus in the assemblies</li> <li>❖ Creating a women’s forum in the assemblies</li> <li>❖ Monitoring of gender-budgeting</li> <li>❖ Initiating women-sensitive budgetary reforms</li> <li>❖ Organizing town hall meetings as needed</li> <li>❖ Passing legislation promoting good corporate governance</li> <li>❖ Launching awareness campaigns across all social layers</li> <li>❖ Ensuring the passing and implementation of women-sensitive legislation by government</li> <li>❖ Organizing information tours on legislation affecting women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Introduction of legislation on affirmative action to increase women representation in decision-making positions</li> <li>❖ Stated political will</li> <li>❖ Establishment of gender-based sections within different ministries and departments</li> <li>❖ Development of a consultation framework of entities within the presidency</li> <li>❖ Greater women representation in government</li> <li>❖ Calling upon political parties to increase women representation within decision-making bodies and giving female candidates good election tickets</li> <li>❖ Capacity-building for women</li> <li>❖ Developing appropriate frameworks to promote women’s participation in economic, political, cultural and social activities</li> </ul>

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<b>2. Economic governance and management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Raising awareness to parliamentary responsibility</li> <li>❖ Creating a gender caucus in the assemblies</li> <li>❖ Creating a women's forum in the assemblies</li> <li>❖ Monitoring of gender-budgeting</li> <li>❖ Initiating women-sensitive budgetary reforms</li> <li>❖ Organizing town hall meetings as needed</li> <li>❖ Passing legislation promoting good corporate governance</li> <li>❖ Launching awareness campaigns across all social layers</li> <li>❖ Ensuring the passing and implementation of women-sensitive legislation by the government</li> <li>❖ Organizing information tours on legislation affecting women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Gender-budgeting</li> <li>❖ Providing resources in the Parliament's budget for gender promotion</li> <li>❖ Restructuring the economic fabric around majority players</li> <li>❖ Building women's capacities to manage women-owned businesses</li> <li>❖ Providing dedicated funds for the promotion of women entrepreneurship</li> <li>❖ Ensuring equitable access to education by girls and boys at all levels</li> <li>❖ Eradication of gender inequalities caused by past policies and social practices. Example: access to employment, sharing of household chores and valuing housework</li> </ul>
<b>3. Corporate governance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Raising awareness to parliamentary responsibility</li> <li>❖ Creating a gender caucus in the assemblies</li> <li>❖ Creating a women's forum in the assemblies</li> <li>❖ Monitoring of gender-budgeting</li> <li>❖ Initiating women-sensitive budgetary reforms</li> <li>❖ Organizing town hall meetings as needed</li> <li>❖ Passing legislation promoting good corporate governance</li> <li>❖ Launching awareness campaigns across all social layers</li> <li>❖ Ensuring the passing and implementation of women-sensitive legislation by the government</li> <li>❖ Organizing information tours on legislation affecting women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Preserving the State heritage</li> <li>❖ Protecting female employment</li> <li>❖ Promoting female corporate jobs, particularly at decision-making positions</li> <li>❖ Developing and implementing a lobbying policy for female corporate placement</li> </ul>

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<b>4. Socioeconomic development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Raising awareness to parliamentary responsibility</li> <li>❖ Creating a gender caucus in the assemblies</li> <li>❖ Creating a women’s forum in the assemblies</li> <li>❖ Monitoring of gender-budgeting</li> <li>❖ Initiating women-sensitive budgetary reforms</li> <li>❖ Organizing town hall meetings as needed</li> <li>❖ Passing legislation promoting good corporate governance</li> <li>❖ Launching awareness campaigns across all social layers</li> <li>❖ Ensuring the passing and implementation of women-sensitive legislation by the government</li> <li>❖ Organizing information tours on legislation affecting women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Promoting a culture of peace</li> <li>❖ Developing an adequate legal framework</li> <li>❖ Creating an environment conducive to good health, education and infrastructure development</li> <li>❖ Improving land ownership by women</li> <li>❖ Enhancing African integration</li> </ul>

## *Process Stages*

APRM Process Stages	Mechanisms	Role of Parliamentarians
<b>1. Basic assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Consulting all layers of society, particularly women, on public policy</li> <li>❖ Ensuring the participation of local female elected representatives and parliamentarians</li> <li>❖ Identifying women's needs beyond primary needs</li> <li>❖ Catering to the needs of vulnerable groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Watchdog /surveillance role in the APRM implementation follow-up</li> <li>❖ Developing a gender focus at the parliamentary level</li> <li>❖ Planning awareness campaigns designed to educate all layers of society</li> <li>❖ Oversight and follow-up of gender-budget implementation</li> <li>❖ Organising town hall meetings</li> </ul>
<b>2. Field visit by APRM panel members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Gender-mainstreaming</li> <li>❖ Involving women organisations and local elected representatives</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Drafting of Country Evaluation Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Presenting the evaluation report to heads of State and Government</li> <li>❖ Striking a committee of elected female representatives to lobby for issues identified by the grassroots</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Presentation and dissemination of the Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Authorizing controls by the Committee to ensure that women's interests are taken into account</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Publication of the Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Stressing the need for follow-up; ensuring implementation follow-up once gender-mainstreaming has been included in the Report</li> </ul>	