Women Leadership and Governance

Women and Girls SDG Accountability

This project overview is focused on creating an advocacy and action based plan to implement the use of data through the means of grassroots advocates. In 2019 we focused

in reducing gaps between policy makers and advocates to promote data culture and anticipated a change in social behavior and attitude in the discussion of gender empowerment and inequalities.

During the previous year, we developed data dashboard for easy access of data and evidence and later we trained 75 gender advocates on the effective use of data that resulted too some of the data advocates



influencing government decisions making through data driven advocacy.

For example, in the Kakamega County, grassroots advocates were able to influence an increase of the County budget. Laikipia grassroots advocates were able to call for an end to gender-based violence.



Figure 1 Data for Advocacy for Journalist

Figure 2 Data for advocacy workshop for Data TOTs

In 2019 we reached out to up to up to 156 representatives of local, national, international civil society organizations and members of the press whom we trained to understand the impact of Data, most importantly the community generated data and the EM2030 data tool and at the end of the year all the advocates trained were able to clearly articulate the Gender Indicators and to make the Gender Hub more accessible, easy to read we developed info-graphics for awareness raising.

Through GROOTS' training and exposure to data-driven advocacy, we were invited to the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, as well as a UN Women meeting during the ICPD to present Kenyan progress on eradicating gender-based violence, driving women land-based rights and health opportunities.

On 25TH January 2019, GROOTS Kenya joining with Equal Measure 2030(EM2030) and The African Women Communication and Development Network (FEMNET), launched the: Data

Driving Change: introducing the SDG Index Kenya. On 7th June 2019, GROOTS Kenya together joined hands with other Equal Measure partners in their launch for: 'Harnessing the Power of Data' Global SDG Gender Index at a side event (a parallel event?) during the Women Deliver Conference at Vancouver Canada.

Strengthening the SDGs Kenya Forum as an Accountability Platform for Gender and Development

With an aim of strengthening the SDGs Kenya Forum as an Accountability Platform for Gender and Development, we engaged 106 newly inducted SDG champions, to monitor resource allocation towards gender-based projects in the County budget. During the first quarter of the year, we successfully strengthened a multi-stakeholder coalition of actors to hold the government accountable for the commitment towards gender equality and by the second quarter, the SDGs were successfully popularized in the 11 subcounties of Nakuru, with the induction of up to 206 SDG advocates, six awareness sessions, and the validation of five SDG advocacy issues. Key advocacy campaigns included raising awareness around the SDGs and gender-based violence at the village level and embedding themselves with GBV cluster-groups across sub- counties. These advocates also appointed up to 46 champions, followed up by a County Dialogue to create a wider discussion around the SDGs.

On 20th June 2019, GROOTS Kenya youth and women participated in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Parliament Open Day 2019, which brought together Members of Parliament, key agencies of the United Nations in Nairobi and Development Partners to critically examine the important role of Parliamentarians for the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

By quarter three, The Nakuru County proposed a Gender Bill which has gone through its first reading by the women's caucus and GROOTS Kenya continues to mobilize Nakuru champions to support work being done on gender-responsive budgeting. At the end of this quarter, up to 300 advocates, in total were inducted, as gender-based violence clusters continued to be active. These advocates continue to use their respective platforms to raise awareness on SDG 5 targets and indicators.

IMPROVED DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Through local-to-local organizing, knowledge transfer and public/mass education, the project objective resulted at bridging the existing gap between what was anticipated by law on public participation and its actual practice.

One of the key hindrances to the community's ability and level of engagement in public participation is a lack of information on where, when and how to participate. In fact, in a community rapid assessment carried out under this project by GROOTS Kenya, results showed that most citizens were not aware of the fact that it is their civic duty and obligation to take part in public participatory forums.

Citizens' participation in the democratic process has been lackluster at best and non-existent at worst. Most citizens in Kakamega County lack adequate understanding of n county Public Expenditure Management (PEM) cycle and the diverse stages that include planning, legislation, budgeting, implementation and oversight as well as their rights in these processes. As a result, there is a low appreciation of the value for engagement in the available spaces by the majority of them.

To raise the quality and effectiveness of public participation from being a tick box, rubber stamp but a process that can bring about transformative leadership in the communities, especially for its grassroots women, GROOTS Kenya inducted about 181 TOTs from 60 wards

selected, developing a civic education work plan and reached out to three radio stations having varied listenership, leading 6.2 million people. The newly formed PAPP and the TOTs mobilized community members to attend three meetings for the first public budget hearing across the Kakamega County. Four people per ward were mobilized to attend public hearings. These implementation activities led to a community-led rapid assessment report produced showcasing public participation. Furthermore we developed and disseminated



approximately 3000 copies of user-friendly public participation guidelines across community groups. These outputs prove how impactful grassroots-led projects are for communities to feel more empowered and involved in decision-making.

Citizen Driven initiative to monitor SDGs Delivery in Africa

Through this project GROOTS Kenya aimed at promoting the monitoring and review of SDG implementation through citizen-generated data with an objective of using data collected on the status of women and youth to monitor and measure progress of their involvement in SDG implementation.

At the beginning of the project, GROOTS Kenya youth champions from Mathare, Mwiki and Rombo collected data on six SDGs specifically geared around women and youth:

SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 4:Quality education, SDG 5:Gender Equality, SDG8:Decent work and economic growth, SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities SDG 16: Peace Justice and strong Institutions

To successfully and efficiently collect data, GROOTS Kenya trained the youth champions form Mathare, Mwiki and Kiambu together with grassroots women in the use of Open Data Kit software for mobile phones.

Before this effort, GROOTS Kenya held a three-day workshop for youth and women champions to discuss what the SDGs entail, how youth and women's unique issues are linked to the different SDGs and how collecting data on such issues can drive change. Through the use of their community-generated data and evidence, the youth and grassroots women champions have been able to engage policymakers and local authorities and have



collectively influenced county budgets (alongside other key stakeholders).

On 20th June 2019, GROOTS Kenya youth and women attended the Kenya parliament open day that was hosted by the Kenya Parliamentary Caucus for SDGs & Business and UN Kenya that aimed to raise awareness on the SDGs in Kenya, Champion for the implementation of SDGs, Review progress on the implementation of |SDGs in Kenya and Follow up on duty bearers responsibilities on SDG.



Figure 3 : During the SDGs parliamentary Day

On 3-4th October 2019, we conducted a training on gender data for both print and electronic media and inducted them on the use of data to enhance and authenticate their reporting. As a result, the journalists made a commitment to reach out to GROOTS Kenya when in need of data support for reporting.

Throughout the year, GROOTS Kenya and the SDG advocates maintained a regular online presence and engaged with online fraternity on discussions of various gender issues using data and info graphics developed from the data collected in Kiambu, Nairobi and Kajiado.

As a result, there has been a lot of interest in data and specifically gender data and how it communicates not only the lived realities of women but also how far the country is on issues of gender equality and gender discrimination. The use of data to show the gender gaps has proven to be a powerful way to communicate the gender disparities in our

communities. Its use on communication advocacy proved to be a good strategy to engage our diverse champions.



Figure 4 GROOTs Sacco CMC

GROOTS SACCO is a startup SACCO established in July 2017 for members of GROOTS Kenya. The SACCO's main goal is to enhance financial inclusion for grassroots women and their communities with an objective of addressing the issues of access and use of financial services experienced by the women, through training the women groups on formation of table banking and financial management as a short term response to financial challenges.

For the last three years, GROOTS had discussions and been in consultations over an appropriate financial vehicle for the over 60,000 women in the movement. In preparation for the setup of a cooperative, GROOTS Kenya introduced the women in the movement to different credit and loaning facilities suited to their specific needs. These facilities included table banking, Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA), Community Resilience Fund (CRF) and Revolving Seed Fund. Using these, grassroots women were able to save money and borrow loans at low-interest rates.

The Revolving Seed Fund was a fund set up a local bank where the women could access higher loan amounts from the bank without having to provide any security or collateral. This enabled the women to interact with commercial loans.

GROOTS Kenya saw the need to have a financial vehicle that would bring on board all the women in the movement and provide a space for women to access larger loan amounts at flexible and affordable rates. The reason behind the formation of the Sacco was a necessity

of the grassroots' women who needed financial empowerment yet they were unbankable. Majority of them lacked collateral for securing loans; others lacked the confidence to walk into the bank leave alone the mention of applying for loans from the bank. This locked out many rural grassroots women from development opportunities due to lack of funds.

In 2019 , GROOTS Sacco major achievement was transiting from using excel sheets and manual ways of keeping financial records to acquisition of a Sacco accounting system which is updated on a daily basis and information secured for easy tracking of loan payment.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO DISASTER AND CLIMATE CHANGE (CRDC Clean cooking



Figure 5 inception of Kilifi Clean Cooking

GROOTS Kenya has been advocating for clean cooking under the voice for change Program for four years now with an objective of advocating for an enabling environment for increased adoption of clean cook stoves and fuels in Kenya and have been able to achieve this through strategies like mainstreaming of clean cooking into county development planning, policies and budgets to promote both demand and supply of clean stoves and fuels. As part of our core approaches of ensuring community leadership, we engaged community champions to increase voices and influence decisions in favor of clean cooking and identified private sectors to work with through a multi stakeholder's platform. This program begun in 2016 by generating evidence on the impacts of traditional cooking methods followed by numerous advocacy actions in 2017, implementation of some of

recommendations in 2018 and in 2019 growing to Kiambu County where we mapped and trained out 89 new clean cooking champions and also supported the county government in drafting their policy which was named Climate Change policy (Clean cooking is captured well as a mitigation for climate change). This year also saw us, effectively escalating to Kilifi County where we mapped and inducted 400 new champion.

The great achievements for the year 2019 were getting a buy in from the department of energy through the minister and chief officer, inducting clean cooking champions, together with the energy department inducted enumerators' for data collection, and validated the context analysis report as well as creation of a multi-stakeholders platform in Kilifi county.



Figure 6: Reep champions undergoing different activities

Seeking to socially and economically empower rural women farmers through agri-business in Muranga and Nyandarua Counties, the overall objective of the project is 'to contribute to reduced poverty and injustice through enhanced gender equality in agribusiness and rural development.'

In 2019, the program has allowed the introduction of more farmers to poultry farming for faster income to meet their short term needs.

Through formal and informal interactions with value chain experts, farmers slowly adopted modern and resilient farming practices. In Murang`a, for example, mapped farmers decided to buy suckers from established research institutions other than borrowing from neighbors. They also adopted the

use of pesticide during planting of bananas to prevent diseases. In Nyandarua, there was use of certified seed from certified institutions in setting up each of the 18 demonstration plots. The mentorship of our women farmers ranged from group savings and loaning programs, establishment of income generation projects, banana value-chain analysis, and linkages with sub-county and ward level based agricultural extension officers. In both counties, community champions with a role to mentor women leaders from the 37 groups on leadership skills, engagement with men, holding household dialogues for men to support women agenda among others. So far, several women have reported to have socially acquired pieces of land for banana or potato farming.

Accelerating Rural Women's Access to Agricultural Markets and Trade

Funded by the Japan Social Development Fund through the World Bank the overall aim of the project was to improve women's economic access and financial inclusion. The project activities included enhancing agricultural production and access to markets. Target beneficiaries included vulnerable groups of up to 3,400 rural women across the Nakuru and Kitui counties. The first phase of the project using the value chain approach focused on three enterprises: horticulture, dairy and indigenous poultry. The five major components of this phase were: To organize women farmers to work collectively in order to economically empower and improve their livelihood; To enhance women farmers' lobbying and advocacy capacities for essential services and factors of production; To enhance women farmers' business capacities and facilitate market linkages; To empower women to increase access to microfinance facilities to improve enterprise performance; Project management, monitoring and evaluation.

The second phase of the project focused on access to microfinance facilities for three years. GROOTS Kenya's major role was to shift perception of the role of grassroots women from vulnerable victimized recipients of goods and services to empowered and effective leaders mastering development mainly through movement building, leadership and advocacy. In 2019, the project engaged with National and County stakeholders by the advocacy teams to provide essential services using project fact sheets which has led to improved infrastructure (roads, health facilities, markets and schools).

Other achievements attained through the project are;

- 110 grassroots women have ascended to local decision making & leadership positions through the project.
- 237 community resource persons (coaches) were trained to support ongoing capacity enhancement among farmers in production and agribusiness
- Enhanced uptake of technologies and proper farm management by women farmers
- Increased yields (milk 5-15 liters more per cow/day), increased poultry production (5 to 50 birds per farm)
- Successful collective marketing. 10 premium agribusinesses have been established.
- 80% of the women farmers hold savings in bank accounts. Self-mobilized group resources utilized in purchasing of materials for constructing farm management units and farm inputs
- Subsidized loans/funds worth \$ 1,138,000 disbursed to individual farmers and farmer groups through the "Financing grassroots women concept"
- Web-based project, farmer-fed management information system operationalized to monitor progress at farm level
- 90 trained women farmers to monitor progress using a mobile application; 100 android tablets provided by the project to collect enterprise data.



Figure 7: Seed Fund Beneficiaries

Information Services and Resilience Strategies to Respond to Climate Change

This **project goal** is to reduce poverty, improve food security, and reduce natural resource degradation for more than 3,600 women in Kenyan smallholder farm households through piloting climate-smart agricultural approaches using innovative information services in different parts of Kenya.

The **purpose of the project** is to reach 3,600 smallholder women farmers and farm families on using information on climate-smart agricultural technologies, practices, and principles for

increased resilience to the potentially adverse impacts of climate change which will contribute to closing gendered yield gaps, enhanced equity and inclusion.

Last year GROOTS Kenya conducted 24 Focus Group Discussions. 8 in Busia, 8 in Laikipia and 8 in Nakuru counties to collect qualitative data on awareness and reach to information services about climate smart practices.

In 2020, GROOTS Kenya will conduct quantitative household data collection with a target of 700 HH and do a video based intervention on the climate smart agricultural practices that can be adopted in the different intervention areas.



Figure 8 Training of Data Enumerators and supervisors in Nakuru

Women Property Rights (WPR) Haki Madini

Through this project GROOTS Kenya is investing in community-led advocacy towards fair and gender responsive resettlement, relocation, benefit-sharing and compensation by organizing the women living and impacted by the extractive sectors to effectively participate and benefit from the extractive value chain.

Our contributions aims at engendering the extractive sector through women socioeconomic empowerment, including financing and safeguarding of women's rights.

At the beginning of this project, women were discriminated in the mining sites due to cultural beliefs but after consistent engagements and dialogues with men and stakeholders, these discriminations after much needed addressing have seen a significant decrease. At GROOTS Kenya, we ensured that women are involved in decision-making processes. For example, during the elections of artisanal and small scale miners into Artisanal mining committee at the county level, 2 out of the 3 members elected were women, More so, these Women also got a chance to participate in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) development process by ensuring that the issues that affect them like health, environment, are captured in the CIDP.

Other achievements are:-

- Establishment of Artisanal Miners Committee as provided by the Mining Act to spearhead the acquisition of ASM permits.
- Election of two women into the ASM committee.
- Enrollment of 40 artisanal miners into the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) ongoing for the rest.
- Incorporation of Artisanal Miners concerns in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2017 -2020).
- Piloting of community reporting mechanism on mining issues.
- Voluntary savings and loans for women miners.

Responsible Gold Mining

The project goal is to create better social and economic conditions for mine workers and local mining communities, by increasing the number of miners that adopt responsible mining practices in Conflict and High Risk Areas (CAHRAs). The project seeks to improve working conditions and incomes for miners by providing mine sites from Kakamega and Migori Counties with access to finance, technical trainings and markets.

In 2019, we partnered with fair trade and an independent ASM expert and conducted a training in Kakamega and Migori on mining leadership focusing on mine management, record keeping, work planning, and financial management among others. At the end of the training Miners were able to see the gaps in their leadership, records and management of the sites as a whole. The miners have been able to improve on their record keeping and site management.



On 10th – 13th February, GROOTS Kenya with technical support from Fairtrade led baseline survey of the project in Kakamega County. The baseline involved collecting data on legal framework around ASM, data of the groups, sites leadership, production and safety of the mines. GROOTS Kenya used the community-led model of data collection. This method involves miners being involved in the data collection process. This makes them own the process and be able to embrace the findings.

Between April and May, GROOTS Kenya collaborated with TDI to review the concept and tools (Six) for gathering data towards the feasibility study. The groups piloted data collection and shared with TDI staff who gave their comments for improvement.

OTHER GROOTS ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES



On World Wetland Day 2019, GROOTS Kenya received an award from the Kenyan Ministry of Environment and Forestry and National Environment Management Authority in recognition of their work in spearheading community-led environment conservation and climate change resilience campaigns. GROOTS Kenya focuses on supporting the engagement of women in leadership and advocacy at the grassroots level. Congratulations on this fantastic work!

Water, Environment and natural resources co-hosted a high-level political dialogue drafting the climate change policy. The climate change policy was formulated through public and



stakeholders' consultations and peer review from climate change experts. These achievements have been a result of advocacy initiatives by grassroots women and men and local partners in Laikipia. Gender equality as an important precondition for successful climate change adaptation, mitigation and equitable social development has been underscored.

DIAR -AWARDS 2019

GROOTS Kenya was nominated for DIAR -AWARDS

2019 and

awarded 2nd (Runner up) position on a Diversity and Inclusion award for Best NGO Program on Gender Equality. This award majorly focused at the center of our programs which are diverse. Diversity is the range of human differences including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, age, social class, physical ability or attributes, religious or ethical values system, national origin and political beliefs.



LOCAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS CELEBRATED BY GROOTS KENYA

Devolution Conference

On 4th-8th march 2019, GROOTS Kenya supported 12 grassroots women from Laikipia, Kitui and Kiambu county to attend the 6th Annual Devolution Conference in Kirinyaga County - Kirinyaga University from March 4th -8th, 2019. This platform provided grassroots women from the three counties a chance to review the performance of their county governments and reflect on the devolution journeys and milestone achieved over the last five years. They charted with their local governments on how to make devolution successful with grassroots people at the center of their agenda. The theme for the 6th Annual devolution conference was 'Delivering. Transform. Measure' with a clarion call of 'Remaining Accountable' and was anchored on the "Big Four Agenda". These sectors include; Trade; Agriculture; Health; Affordable Housing and Infrastructure.

Winrose Mwangi a grassroots women leader who represented GROOTS Kenya at the 33rd Gender is my Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Consultative Meeting on Mainstreaming Gender Equality in the African Union and Member States that took place on the 3rd – 4th February, 2019 at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia themed: 'Towards Gender Responsive Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement.'

Tunis Gender Forum on Gender Equality



GROOTS Kenya Executive Director, Fridah Githuku took part in the Tunis Gender Forum on Gender Equality on 12th April 2019 that saw a large gathering of women, youth, champions of gender equality from all corners of the world to discuss progress made on women's rights, leading up to the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The agenda of the Forum was shaped by a <u>consultative process</u> that engaged nearly 6,000 people from different parts of the world.

European Development Days - Chagua Mama going Global

18th-19th April, 2019 GROOTS Kenya took part in Chagua Mama going Global campaign and shared our experience in enhancing the capacity of grassroots women in leadership at the 13th edition of European Development Days that brought together the European Union's commitment to address inequalities with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The theme for the two-day conference was: 'Addressing inequalities: building a world which leaves no one behind

Open Government Partnership Global Summit 2019

Jenifer Mutinda from Kitui County represented GROOTS Kenya at the Open Government Partnership Global Summit 2019 on May 29-31 in Ottawa, Canada. This brought together 79 member countries, Kenya being one, and 20 local governments to share knowledge and solutions together for more open and transparent governments around the globe. Jenifer was among the panelists, discussing the power of using community



generated data in community developments projects. She discussed how this has enabled grassroots women from Kitui to fully participate and get involved in local governance.

Women Deliver Conference 2019

On 6th -9th June 2019, GROOTS Kenya supported two grassroots women leaders at the Women Deliver 2019 Conference, the largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. During the conference, GROOTS Kenya hosted a parallel event on the 'Power of Community: Grassroots Advocates' with a panel 'Measuring what is hidden: Amplifying community voices by closing Digital Gender Gaps.' This panel discussion looked on how community-generated data improves public service delivery; how



big data provides insight into gender-based violence and women's digital inclusion; how data can be collected on hidden experiences like abortion.

LANDac Annual International Conference 2019

Fridah Githuku attended the LANDac Annual International Conference that was held on 4-5th July 2019. The 2019 Conference provided an interactive space for researchers, practitioners and private sector

representatives in land governance for equitable and sustainable development, centered on land governance through the lens of transformations

The discussions were meant to answer the following questions:-

- What are the long-term dynamics around land, water and food production?
- How is land governance itself transformed, as it seeks to respond to changing circumstances?
- And how is learning and knowledge building about these dynamics developing?
- What are promising concepts and tools?

On the occasion of <u>International Women Day (IWD)</u> - <u>2019</u>, we (GROOTS Kenya), asked the Jubilee Government to **Walk the Talk** by:

 "Urgently invest in production of Gender Statistics to measure/track progress and adopt gender responsive development planning. What Gets Measured Gets Done!



- Embrace Comprehensive Sex Education and eliminate laws that control and undermine women's Bodily Autonomy. As a nation we must respect women's right to support systems for victims. Bring to an end the rising cases of Femicide in the country.
- Curb Violence against Women/ Girls and invest in responsive security and justice.
- Invest in infrastructure and services that reduce **Un-Paid Care Work** by women and girls especially in water and energy sector.
- Recognize and account for the contribution of community caregivers, health volunteers, community paralegals, GBV rescue volunteers and others who are fill in the gap left by the state in public service provision.
- Address **Patriarchal Biases** in Policy implementation and in government institutions responsible for public service provision.

Kenya Gem and Jewellery Fair (KGJF) held on 11th-12th July 2019.

Fair Trade Supported 3 women and 2 staff to attend the Kenya Gem and Jewellery Fair (KGJF) at the Movenpick Hotel in Nairobi. KGJF is an annual event organised by the Association of Women in Energy & Extractives in Kenya (AWEIK). The event brings together people in the mining sector (along the value chain) to interact and engage in discussions involving the sector. In addition, the platform gives the women artisanal miners a chance to interact with buyers and people interested in gold. GROOTS Kenya partners with AWEIK in mentoring women entrepreneurs' in the gold value chain by connecting them with professional and business opportunities through creation of platforms like this for interaction and networking. The event was held on 11th-12th July 2019.

International Day of the Rural Women (IDRW)

On 15th OCTOBER, 2019 GROOTS Kenya celebrated this day together with 100 grassroots women champion from different counties to remark the strides that rural women have made in the last 25 years since the Beijing Platform for Action, as well as the challenges still being witnessed in their pathway towards achieving full women empowerment.

The theme for this year was: Rural Women and Girls Building Climate Resilience with focus on agriculture, access to cooking energy, water and other natural resources but GROOTS choose to look at land governance as a central factor increasing women's resilience. The women requested GROOTS Kenya to hold more platforms like these and to also consider taking the International Day of Rural Women Celebration to Mashinani because a majority of these women are in the rural areas and they need to be celebrated from where they come from.

LEADER'S CLINIC 2019 held on 22nd and 23rd August



The leaders clinic served as a platform for the leaders to measure how far the movement has gone in accomplishing the 12 action areas of the Beijing Platform for actions (BPFA); Women and poverty, Education and training of women, Women and health, Violence against women, Women and armed conflict, Women in power and decision making, Women and the economy, Institutional mechanisms for advancement of women, Human rights of women, Women and the Media, Women and the environment, The girl child.

Come 2020 GROOTS Kenya will be celebrating 25 years since its birth and hence the leaders' clinic will act as a focal point and a preparation for the Beijing+ 25 Milestone.

Conference on Land Policy in Africa on 25th- 29th, November

Fridah Githuku and Esther Ndinda attended the third Conference on Land Policy in Africa held in Abidgan, Cote'dlvoire. This year's Forum and Assembly is focused on the theme: Strengthening the land sector in Africa: how transparency in land governance can support development efforts.



"We need to discuss matters of land corruption. The issue of Land governance in dealing with corruption is important in achievement of gender equality and women empowerment", Said Fridah. She added that he AU (African Union), ADB (African

Development Bank) and UNECA (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa) to look into getting more voices of women on the platform and to sustain the conversation on gender justice and Women Land Rights.

End!