



Partners Consultative Meeting on UN Women Strategy, Southern Sun Mayfair Hotel, Nairobi: 8 September 2017

UN WOMEN presented its 2018-2021 strategic document to regional partners. Present were different thematic groups including: (i) Women Peace, Security & Humanitarian Action; (ii) Women Economic Empowerment; and (iii) Leadership & Governance.

The strategic document has three primary components: (i) To ensure that “no woman and girl is left behind” as per Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and in particular Goal 5 on Gender Equality; (ii) to identify how the East and Southern Africa Regional Office Strategic Note (ESN) 2018-2021 will support the achievement of the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 and other complimentary Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (GEWE) instruments, such as the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BDPfA), African Charter on Human and People’s Rights, on the rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol); (iii) to respond to strengthened UN commitment to GEWE for its multiplier effects for achieving sustained and inclusive economic growth.

The meeting identified critical regional partners with whom UN Women can collaborate on cross-border initiatives, such as the Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region (O/SESG-GL), the African Women’s Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), The World Bank (Kenya, Rwanda, Eritrea and Uganda), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa and Southern African Development Community (SADC).