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# CSW68 African Women and Girls' Demands

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During the 3rd Africa Disrupt<sup>1</sup> convened by the African Women's Development and Communication (FEMNET) and NGO-CSW Africa members<sup>2</sup> in Yaoundé, Cameroon from the 20th – 22nd February 2024; Pan-African feminists, economic justice activists, community leaders, movement builders and gender justice advocates are **STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH** African women and girls across the continent, and **CALLING ON AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO INVEST IN WOMEN** and **ACCELERATE PROGRESS** in the continent by demanding for the following during the CSW68 deliberations taking place in New York from 10th – 22nd March 2024;

## On Addressing Poverty:

1. Implementation of targeted poverty alleviation programs that prioritize the felt needs and rights of African women and girls, particularly those living in rural and marginalized communities.
2. Access to inclusive social protection programs tailored to address the unique obstacles encountered by African women and girls, encompassing access to education, childcare healthcare and economic prospects
3. Advocating for women's entrepreneurship and facilitating their access to credit and financial services to enhance their economic autonomy and resilience against poverty.

## On Strengthening Institutions:

1. Implementation and enforcement of legal frameworks and policies that are responsive to gender inequalities that safeguard women's rights and guarantee equal access to justice and decision-making processes across all levels. This

includes upholding the Maputo Protocol and accelerating its ratification, domestication and implementation.

2. Establishment of mechanisms to hold institutions accountable for their commitments to gender equality, including regular monitoring, evaluation, and reporting mechanisms.
3. Integration of gender mainstreaming into institutional frameworks, policies, and practices to guarantee inclusivity and responsiveness to the needs and priorities of African women and girls.

## On Financing (Public Services, Debt, Tax and Care Economy)

1. Increase in public investment in essential services including education, healthcare, water, sanitation and social protection services to ensure universal access and quality for all, particularly women and girls, and to halt the privatization of public services.
2. Advocacy for debt relief and restructuring, as well as debt cancellation to alleviate the burden on African countries, enabling increased investment in social services and sustainable development initiatives that benefit African women and girls.
3. Enforcing progressive tax regulations that combat gender inequalities and promote equitable allocation of resources, while also addressing tax evasion and illicit financial flows.
4. Recognition, Reduction, Redistribution, Rewarding and Representation of unpaid care work in national accounting systems and budget allocations, while providing of public services and infrastructure to support caregivers and promote their active participation in the economy and society.

<sup>1</sup> Africa Disrupt, which is pioneered by the African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), The Africa Disrupt CSW was created to respond to the continued shrinking space for feminist and civil society engagement at the annual CSW sessions in New York.

<sup>2</sup> The NGO-CSW Africa Members include: (1) Women for a Change Cameroon (WfaC) representing Central Africa, (2) Women in Law and Development (WiLDAF) representing West Africa, (3) Akina Mama wa Africa (AMWA) representing East Africa, and (4) Women in Law in Southern Africa (WiLSA) representing Southern Africa.

