



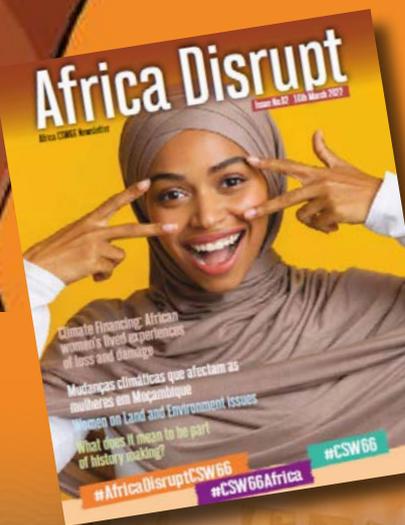
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2022

The Year in Review

Power of Movements & Collective Solidarity

*African Feminists & Activists
Forging Ahead, Against All Odds*



A Pan-African Ecofeminist Womanifesto

**We are indigenous,
We are deeply rooted, and
We are ecofeminists.**

We give ourselves the permission to dream, to dismantle power.

With hope in our hearts, for a different future,

**We are able to build,
Collectively, ONE with nature;
Our power shines forth.**

We want solidarity and power.

**The cool breeze is who we are,
The ones working towards equitable and sustainable nature practices,
We are alive and we are that which gives life.**

We are African women working to defend the environment.

We cannot keep bleeding for them to become rich.

We are who we are! We are the feminist power!

We are Africa,

**an Africa that blossoms with hope and oozes sparkles of an
ecofeminist future,**

Ecofeminism means women's roots.

Women's rights are nature's rights!

Fed up with climate change we are thirsty for climate justice!

Our fight is to decolonize,

Our struggles, our dreams are valid,

**There is so much hope for the African women, when we all stand
together, united.**

ALUTA CONTINUA!

A Pan-African Ecofeminist Womanifesto

This powerful and boldly expressive poem co-created by passionate ecofeminists in the beautiful land of Mosi-oa-Tunya, Zimbabwe in August 2022, fired up our climate justice re-imagination and resolve ahead of [COP27 \(the 27th UN Conference of Parties on Climate Change\) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt](#). Throughout the year 2022, the spotlight was on the climate change agenda - from the [66th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women](#) which prioritized climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction to the [Africa Union's thematic focus on strengthening resilience in nutrition and food security](#). Indeed, the devastating effects of the climate disasters witnessed during the year (floods, heat waves, cyclones, drought, mass displacements, loss of lives, severe food insecurities etc) continued to demand for decisive bold actions to not only mitigate and adapt, but fundamentally to finance loss and damage interventions sustainably and to facilitate a just and gender -responsive transition that is inclusive.

2022 was also the year the world continued to recover from the effects of the pandemic, [feminist and women's human rights defenders](#) continued to be at the forefront pushing for inclusive, gender just, equitable and bold alternative changes centred on care and wellbeing to rebuild the already deeply rooted broken development systems and structures. The global inequities in vaccines availability and distribution witnessed in the last quarter of 2021, continued in 2022 with high-income countries stockpiling vaccines and even discarding millions of expired vaccine doses whereas low-income countries struggled to procure vaccines, further exacerbating the impact of the pandemic. As of December 2022, the [World Health Organization \(WHO\) estimated 72.86% of people from high income countries have been vaccinated with at least one dose and only 30.09% people from low-income countries](#).

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Institutionally, FEMNET continued to mobilize, advocate for and amplify the priorities, narratives and voices of African women and girls in all their diversities in both invited and created spaces. Each month we curated spaces, provided thought leadership and influenced policy at: -

- the inaugural [Africa Disrupt CSW66](#) in March;
- the [first regional African Feminist Macroeconomic Academy for East Africa](#); the [first pan Africa high-level intergeneration dialogue on the Generation Equality](#), and the African Charter on SRHR principles write shop in April;
- the [first African Feminist Academy for Climate Justice](#) in May;
- the [2nd African Girls and Young Women Festival](#) and the inauguration of AFMA Fellowship both in June;
- [joint advocacy with CSO feminist and labour rights advocates in the EJR AC calling out the controversial and overt corporate capture](#) in August;
- the [Decolonizing the Internet Convening](#) in September;
- the [launch of the Africa Family Law Coalition](#) and the [first pan-African Feminist COP27](#) in October;
- and ending the year with the [High-level advocacy mission to urge Botswana to ratify the Maputo Protocol](#) in December.
- Regional Economic Communities by advancing the inclusion of women in political participation at the East African Community, COMESA and the Pan-African Parliament

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Yo! 2022 was the year African women and girls in all their diversity were re-organizing with resilience, passion, and forging ahead against all odds, deeply connected to our shared conviction of an equal, inclusive, just and sustainable Africa! We are truly grateful to all our co-conspirators, FEMNET members, board of directors and development partners who journeyed with us.

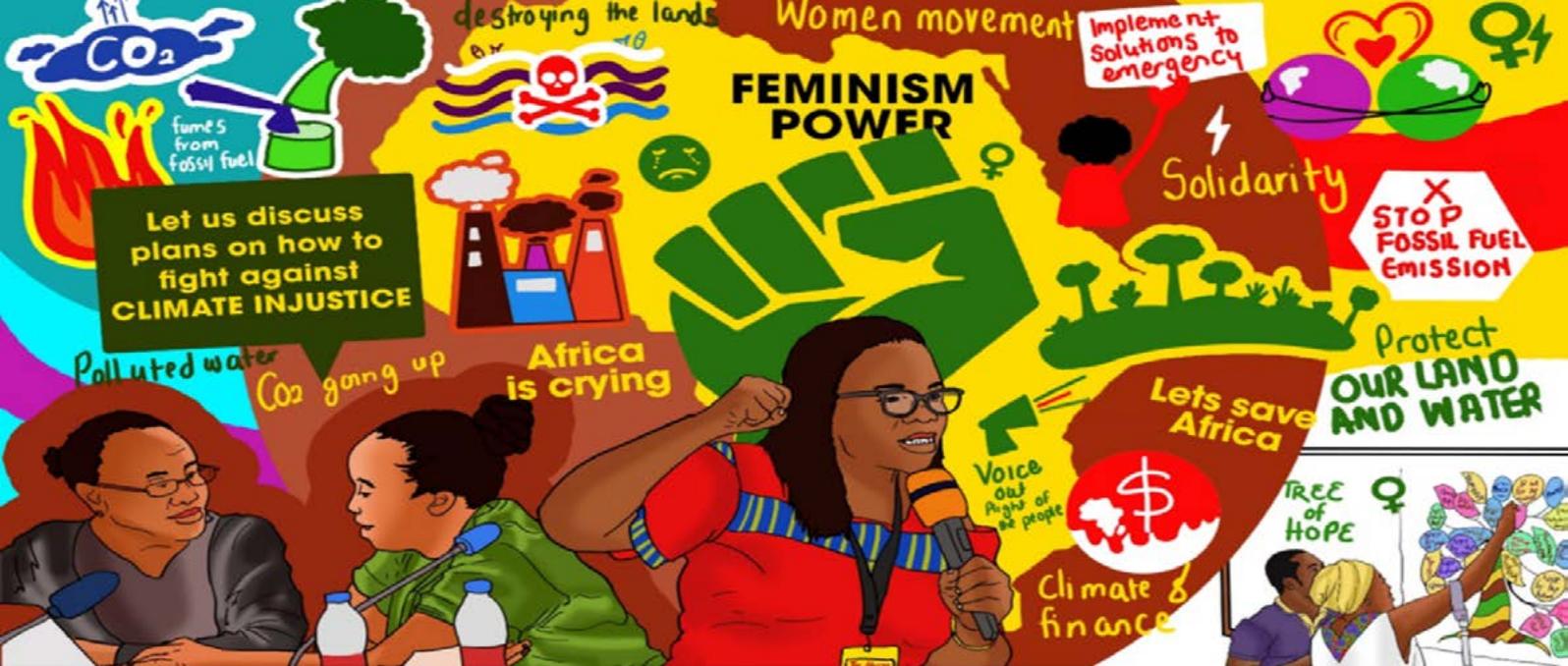
As the year 2022 draws to a close, we pose to reflect on the most significant moments where the power of movements and collective solidarity rooted the different spaces we occupied, disrupted, influenced and weaved in our pan-African feminist values and principles.

Here's to a Thriving and a more just 2023!

In Solidarity & Sisterhood,



Memory Kachambwa,
Executive Director, FEMNET



The COP27 Journey: Reclaiming the Climate Justice Narrative for Africa

“We will continue to use our songs, chants, slogans, dance, poem, art, graffiti as tools and weapons to revolutionize and liberate our continent from the shackles of oppression, exploitation and injustices!” #AfricanFeministStories #FeministClimateJustice



FEMNET’s journey to re-imagine and co-create the [pan-African ecofeminist demands](#) began in May 2022, with the launch of the very first [African Feminist Academy for Climate Justice](#) (AFACJ) in Accra, Ghana. As the climate crisis intensified, the idea to host an Academy was birthed by feminists and climate activists on the frontline. The Academy was envisioned as a dedicated space to strengthen the capacities of frontline climate activists and feminists, to harness their collective power to influence, share their lived experiences, center their collective healing and resilience, brainstorm and reflect on their own locally-led solutions juxtaposed to the existing science, history, politics, and economics of climate change.

The Academy brought together 30 women’s rights activists, advocates, feminists, journalists and movement leaders from indigenous and marginalized communities representing 25 countries across Africa. Together, they co-created a safe space and shared their knowledge and experience but also underscored the vitality of feminist principles and the necessity of feminist intellectual constellations and untold narratives in the climate space.

The Academy, resulted in a deeper and nuanced understanding of the climate justice from a feminist and locally led community perspectives and the beginning of co-creating a strategy to disrupt oppressive systems and recreate just, equal, and sustainable societies for people and the planet.



“Why is existing ancestral, indigenous communities & women’s knowledge on climate change solutions often erased, minimalized and branded unscientific?”

A participant at the Academy

From the Academy, FEMNET convened 25 women, indigenous and frontline communities from Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique and Ghana in May at Mosi-oo-Tunya, Zimbabwe to further build on the [Feminist Climate Justice Strategy](#) in preparation of contributing and influencing COP27. Finally in October, we mobilized 50 climate activists and feminists and convened the Pan-African Feminist COP27 in Windhoek, Namibia that resulted in the consolidation of the bold [Pan-African Ecofeminist Demands](#), which is grounded on the solutions generated through first-hand experiences and lived realities of frontline communities. Having received the [UNFCCC \(United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change\) accreditation](#), FEMNET joined the climate justice activists and leaders in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt for the [27th Session of the Conference of the Parties \(COP27\)](#). Through side events, press conferences, one-on-one lobbying of negotiators and joining the people's march, FEMNET was intentional in mobilizing, visibilizing and amplifying the narratives and stories of African women and girls in all their diversity.

FEMNET acknowledges and deeply appreciates the [African Activists for Climate Justice](#) partners and co-conspirators who journeyed with us throughout the year and inspired by their commitment to connecting movements and advocating for a feminist, just, inclusive and sustainable Africa: [EVA Nigeria](#), [WOKIKE](#), [UEWCA](#), [MULEIDE](#), [Voix de Femmes](#), [RECODE Senegal](#), [NAGAAD Network](#), [Climate Action Network South Africa](#), [Oxfam Pan-African Programme](#), [Natural Justice](#), the [African Youth Commission](#), [Pan African Climate Justice Alliance \(PACJA\)](#) and [Christian Aid](#).

“The climate crisis is real. Can you hear the wailing cries of African women and girls in all their diversity suffering from the impacts of extreme drought and floods? #Climate change is a pandemic! Prioritize #LossAndDamage #ClimateFinance #COP27”
- Aileen Ajiwa





“ Intersectional ecofeminism underscores the importance of gender, race and class, interlinking feminist concerns with human oppressions within patriarchy and the exploitations of a natural environment that women are often more reliant upon but also its guardians in many cultural contexts.”

— Fatimah Kelleher

#I Speak 4 Myself: African Girls and Young Women Festival

The second [African Girls and Young Women \(GYW\) Festival](#) convened in Accra, Ghana in June bringing together over 50 audacious and fearless young feminists representing 50 countries. The Festival themed **"I Speak 4 Myself"** was convened by FEMNET in close collaboration with the She Leads Consortium partners. As a co-created safe space, the festival resulted in the girls and young women connecting authentically through storytelling and experience sharing of their lived realities and their expectations of what it means to be meaningfully included in advocacy and leadership spaces particularly in regional and global policy spaces. The festival was replicated at country level in Kenya, Uganda and Sierra Leone further enabling girls and young women below the age of 24 to be part of decision-making processes in different capacities.

She Leads is a 5-year (2021 – 20225) joint programme supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Power of Voices framework and brings together regional and global child rights/feminist/women's rights organisations (FEMNET, Plan International Netherlands, Defence for Children - ECPAT Netherlands and Terre des Hommes Netherlands) as well as locally-led national child rights/feminist/women's rights organisations and groups led by girls and young women to increase sustained influence of girls and young women (GYW) on decision-making and the transformation of gender norms in formal and informal institutions.







Africa CSW66 Disrupt



African women and girls in all their diversities convened in Nairobi, Kenya, in March 2022 for the first-ever African Commission on the Status of Women (Africa CSW). The Africa CSW was created to respond to the continued shrinking space for feminist and civil society engagement at CSW in New York. Each ECOSOC member can only accredit up to 20 participants for CSW unlike with other UN convenings. The cumbersome accreditation and immigration processes as a result of the racist lens applied in visa processes, COVID-19 regulations, lack of access to vaccinations, expensive accommodation and meals, travel restrictions - economic and otherwise; and the changes informed by the pandemic, in which, country delegations were limited to a maximum of six people by delegation.

Being held in New York every year, African women and girls in all their diversities have not meaningfully engaged or participated in CSW because of factors like visas and high costs related to travel and accommodation. While we acknowledge this global policy-making process as critical to the advancement of gender equality, African women and girls in all their diversities have been left behind.

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Bringing CSW to African women and girls means confronting the increasing invisibilisation of African women, girls, non-binary persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous people, local communities, and the silencing of our minoritized voices at CSW and other global spaces. This is evidenced by the continuous absence of African women's voices and perspectives in the CSW outcomes and commitments. Instead, we are witnessing INGOs, UN Agencies, governments, privileged voices, and white experts telling our stories, speaking in our names, and taking up our space to convey our lived realities despite open calls for decolonisation, intersectionality, diversity, representation, meaningful engagement and equity. Africa CSW is also meant to demonstrate the possibility of centering the voices and needs of African women and girls in all their diversities looks like!

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The Africa CSW presented a first-of-its-kind opportunity for African women, girls, non-binary persons, and persons with disabilities, in all their diversities to congregate, commune, strengthen capacities, and collectively construct their demands for CSW66 as informed by their lived realities, experiences, research, evidence and solutions - to directly inform and influence the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 27), future CSW events, and similar global spaces. Africa CSW 66 showcases what it meant to leave no one behind and build better differently.

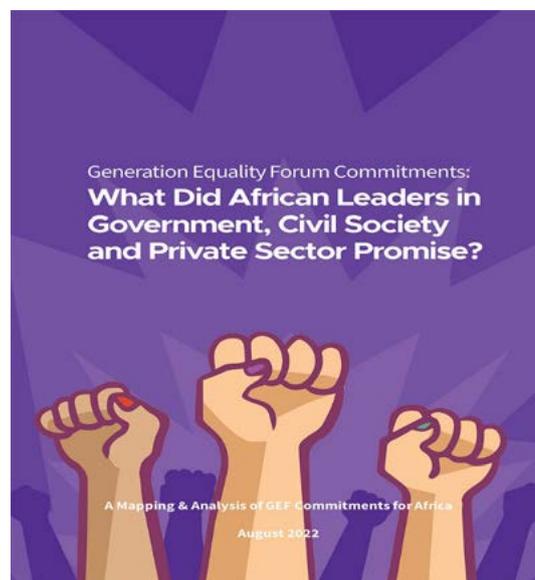
- [Africa CSW Nairobi Declaration](#)
- [Why #AfricaDisruptCSW66? Issue 1](#)
- [Africa Disrupt Newsletter – Issue 2](#)
- [Africa Disrupt Newsletter – Issue 3](#)
- [Feminist Demands @ CSW66 for a Gender-Transformative Agenda for Climate & Environmental Action](#)



Generation Equality Forum, One Year On?

2022 marked the 27th anniversary of **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BDPFA)**, which was unanimously endorsed during the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women that solidified and set global targets for achieving gender equality and women's rights. Although the Beijing+25 anniversary in 2020 was subdued to virtual commemoration due to the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), **women and girls across Africa were relentless to ensure that the Beijing fire did not die**. While there has been notable progress especially around enacting legal and policy frameworks across Africa, lack of adequate resourcing to facilitate implementation and potent pushback by growing opposition on the women's movement continues to derail the Beijing promise and agenda for equality, sustainable development and peace.

FEMNET commissioned a **Mapping and Analysis of GEF commitments in Africa**, providing a continental overview of the **GEF dashboard of commitments** made by different African leaders in civil society and women's rights organizations, government, private sector and young people movements across the six Action Coalitions. FEMNET will continue to use the mapping and analysis to spark meaningful engagement between and among African leaders in government, civil society, young people movement and private sector in the implementation and tracking of the GEF commitments and more so serve as a tool for: - **Awareness** – to popularise the GEF commitments by different leaders; **Accountability** – to monitor and analyse progress in implementation over the five years (2021 – 2026); **Agenda setting** – to link and complement ongoing processes and commitments like the SDGs, Maputo Protocol, CEDAW and national policies and constitutional frameworks; **Advocacy** – to encourage other leaders to become commitment makers and honour the commitments. Click here to access and read the [Mapping and Analysis of GEF commitments in Africa](#).



We Lead Regional Advocacy on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

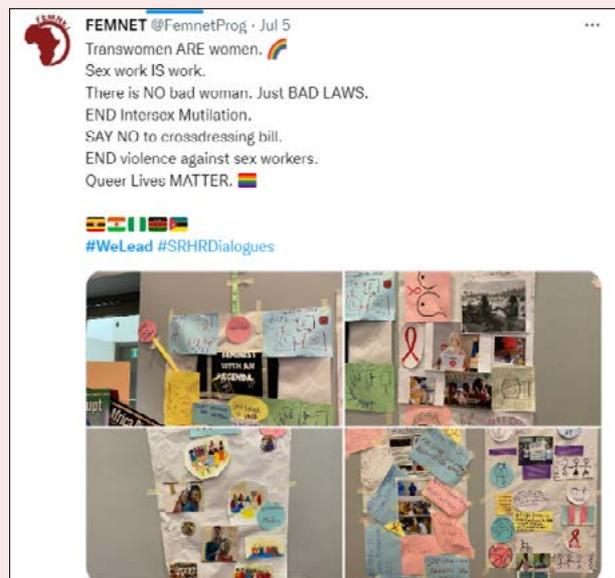


FEMNET continued to engage in multiple SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights) advocacy spaces within

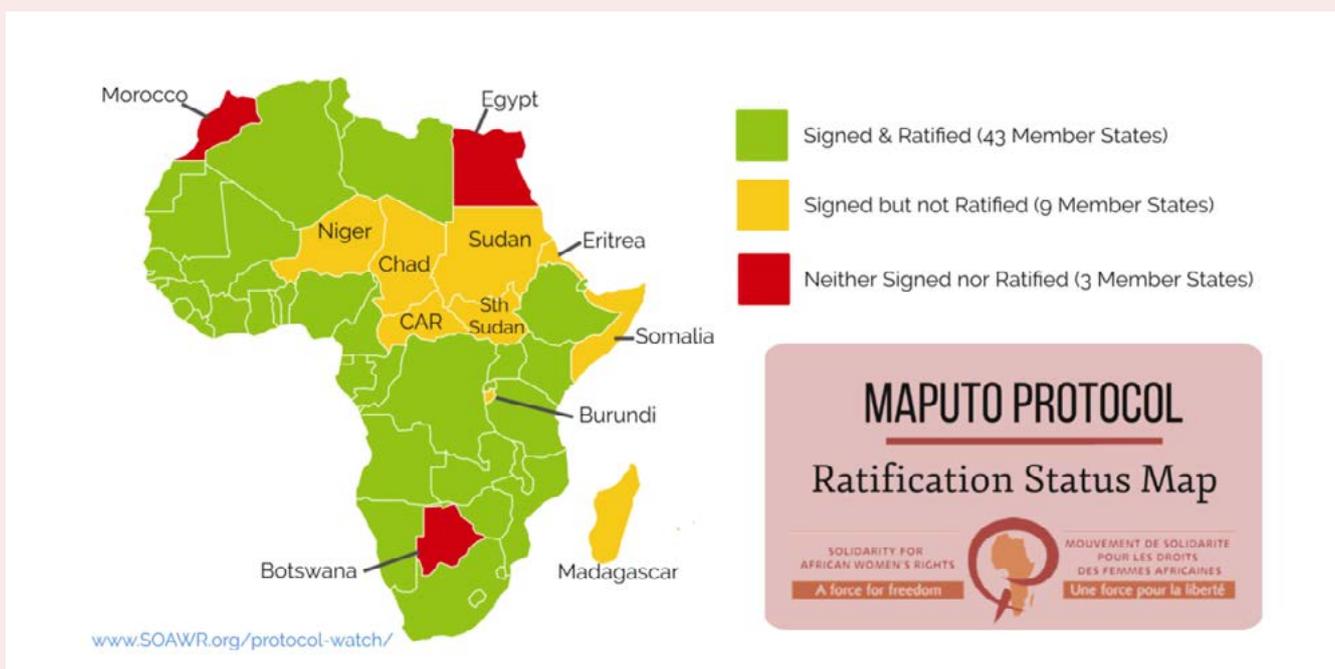
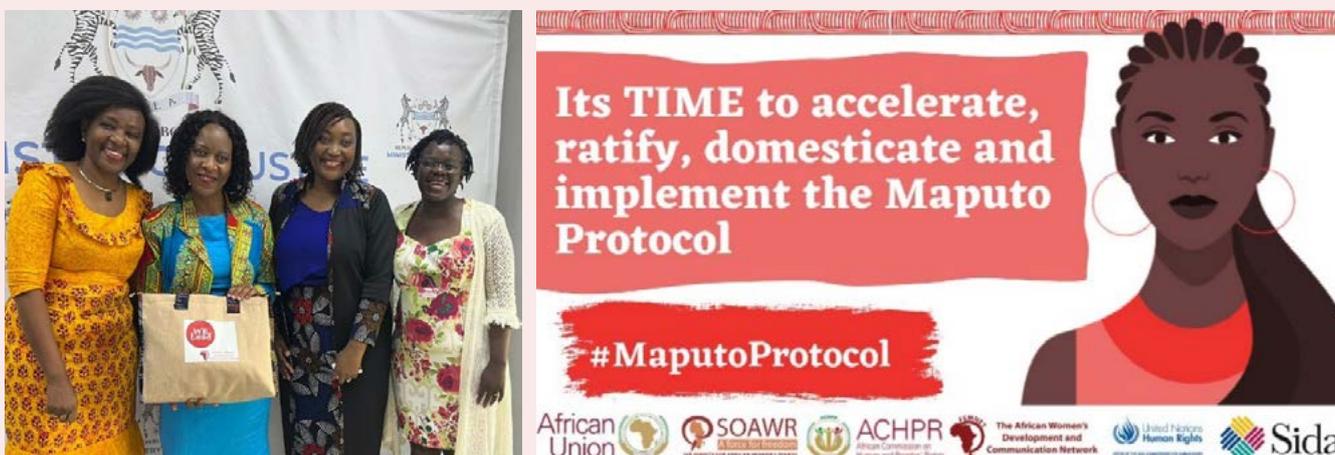
the continent and globally. Between October and December, in partnership with the We Lead Communities of Action (CoA) facilitators we conducted regional SRHR Advocacy trainings in Nigeria, Mozambique, Kenya and Niger. The trainings brought together 120+ women and girls including those living with HIV/AIDS or with disabilities or affected by displacement or who identify themselves

among the LGBTIQ+ community and equipped them with requisite skills, tools and knowledge on existing SRHR laws and policies in their countries and continentally and strategies to speak up and influence policies for accountability. [Watch and Listen to the We Lead SRHR Conversations](#)

In December, FEMNET, Women Gender and Youth Directorate (WGYD), the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA) of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) in collaboration with the Solidarity for African Women's Rights (SOAWR) coalition, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR), and civil society organizations (CSOs) in Botswana convened a High-Level Consultation meeting as part of the advocacy for universal ratification of the Maputo Protocol.



The Mission was successful with strong commitment by Botswana to ratify in time for the 20th anniversary of Maputo Protocol in July 2023. SOAWR members continue to advocate for the domestication and implementation of the Maputo Protocol in the 43 African countries that have signed and ratified the Protocol as of December 2022.



Feminist Solidarity with Women Leaders



In 2022 there were [13 elections in Africa](#) – i.e. Angola, Equatorial Guinea, The Gambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Tunisia. In Kenya, FEMNET through the IDEA-International supported WPP partnership (Women in Political Participation) stood in solidarity with 38 women leaders who were either vying for various electoral positions in the August 2022 general elections or were positioning themselves for the appointive positions that follow the elections. Out of these 38 women leaders, we celebrate the 18 who secured diverse elective and appointive seats and many more continue to engage strategically in key places of decision making. [#WomenMustLead](#) and [#WomenLeadAfrica](#) continue to be our clarion call even as we move in to the new year, determined and resolute that consistent and intentional investments in women’s transformative leadership is doable and possible.

In June, FEMNET in collaboration with the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) Gender and Social Affairs Division drew activists and delegates from selected COMESA Member States, Institutions, Secretariat and COMESA Youth Advisory Panel

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(COMYAP), East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA), African Union, UN Women, private sector, civil society organizations (CSOs), women's rights organizations (WROs) and young women leaders for a [high-level dialogue](#). The dialogue resulted in the partners discussing, identifying and [consolidating practical actions as articulated in the Outcome Statement](#) towards unlocking much-needed resources for increasing women's leadership in political, social, and economic decision-making. The countries represented at the Dialogue include: D.R. Congo, Eswatini, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia.

When Women Speak in Solidarity, Guns are Silenced!

In November, FEMNET mobilized 20+ partners representing women's rights and feminist movements, civil society, UN Women, political leadership, human rights and the media for a breakfast consultative meeting in Nairobi in solidarity with DRC women leaders. This was timely and resulted in not only deeply listening to their priorities in terms of what is urgently required to silence the guns but also in consolidating key strategies for positioning themselves in participating and contributing to the peace processes that was being mediated by the former President of Kenya, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta.

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← Tweet



Hon. Esther M Passaris
@EstherPassaris

I'm draped in the colors of the Democratic Republic of Congo in solidarity with the women and children caught in conflict. I support Congolese women's effort to participate in the ongoing peace process mediated by Former President H.E Uhuru Kenyatta. [#16DaysOfActivismAgainstGBV](#)



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Economic Justice Rights



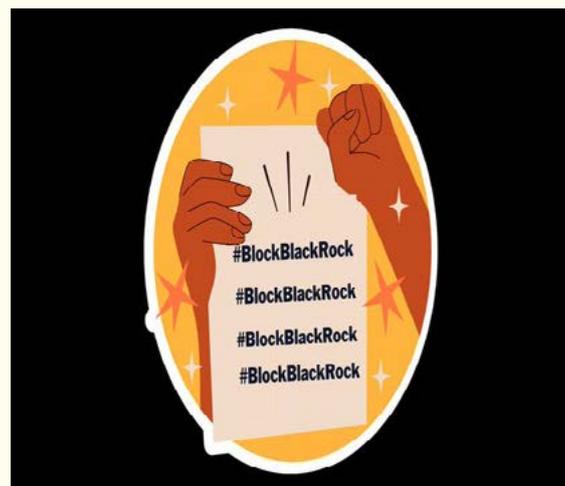
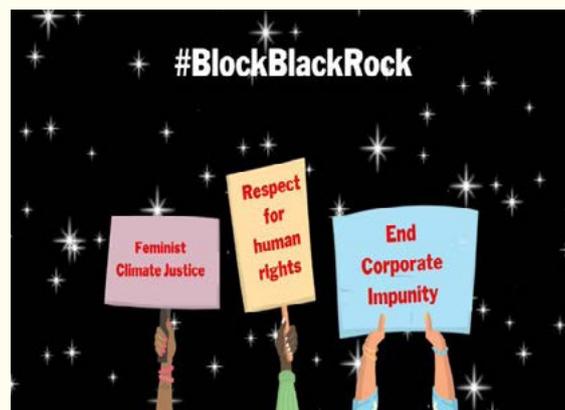
In March, the first sub-regional African Feminist Macroeconomic Academy (AFMA) brought together 35 feminist activists and movement leaders drawn from Eastern African organizations, movements, and formations that are pushing for women's economic justice and working in various sectors such as agriculture, informal trade, natural resource extraction, sexual reproductive rights, violence against women, economic justice, trade unions, women with disability, young women among others. Collectively, they unpacked the 'Gendered Consequences of Africa's Debt Crisis' leveraging on their experiences, knowledge, analysis, assumptions and contestations on macroeconomics, debt architecture, tax justice and women's rights. The inaugural launch of the AFMA Fellowship in June as a space for in-depth ideological and political engagement on feminism and macroeconomics. The Fellowship is designed as a community of practice platform that brings together different cohorts of the AFMA alumni to nurture and sustain thought leadership and research around feminist macroeconomics in Africa.

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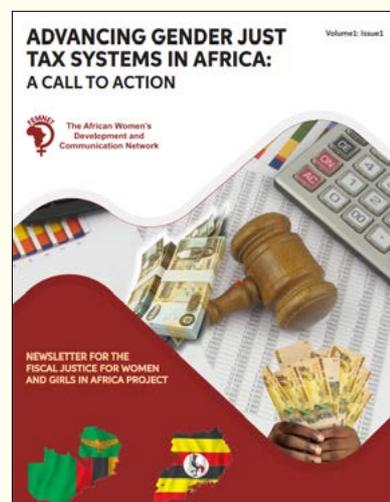
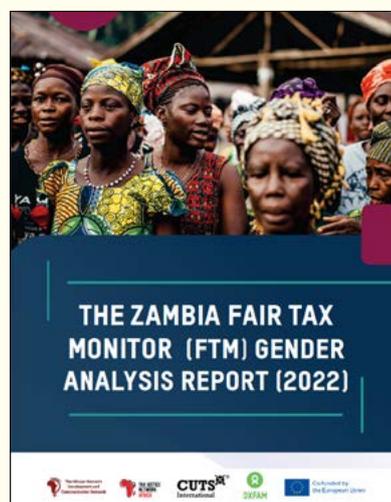
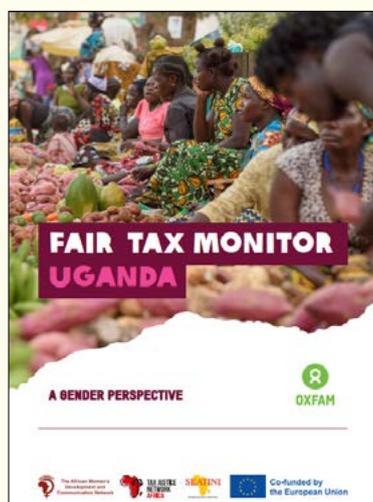


FEMNET in partnership with UN Women co-convened the 2022 Regional Share Fair conference on the Care Economy. FEMNET presented the [Africa Care Economy Index](#), which presents an overview of African state performance in the recognition, support and redistribution of caring work.

In July/ August, together with CSO feminist and labour rights advocates in the Economic Justice and Rights Action Coalition of the Generation Equality Forum, we co-created [an FAQ on WHY the UN Women and BlackRock partnership is problematic](#) from a feminist analysis, a human rights perspective, a multi-stakeholder approach and a futuristic re-imagining of a generation equality. The overt and controversial corporate capture of public institutions, UN entities and the feminist and women’s rights agenda by the private sector must consistently be called out because it is a real threat to the respect and promotion of women’s human rights. This is particularly because of lack of transparency and non-existing accountability systems and structures to monitor compliance with existing human rights standards which results in massive abuses, exploitation and discrimination of the most vulnerable persons.



In April and May, FEMNET joined Oxfam, SEATINI, CUTS and Tax Justice Network in launching the [Fair Tax Monitor Uganda: a Gender Perspective](#) and [the Zambia Fair Tax Monitor \(FTM\) Gender Analysis Report](#) respectively. The FTM is a unique evidence-based advocacy tool that identifies the main bottlenecks within tax systems and provides evidence for advocacy work. FTM reports provide an overview of national tax regimes and identifies the main constraints faced. The goal is to strengthen advocacy activities at the local, national and regional levels on fiscal justice. The tool provides reliable evidence for the Advocacy and lobby work related partners, which in turn strengthens their position and increases their credibility as well as influencing their power. Check out this newsletter on [Advancing Gender Just Tax Systems in Africa: A Call to Action](#) for more key highlights.

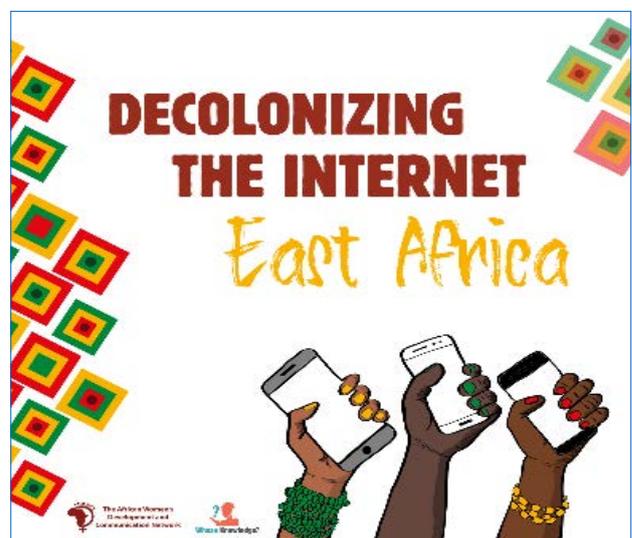
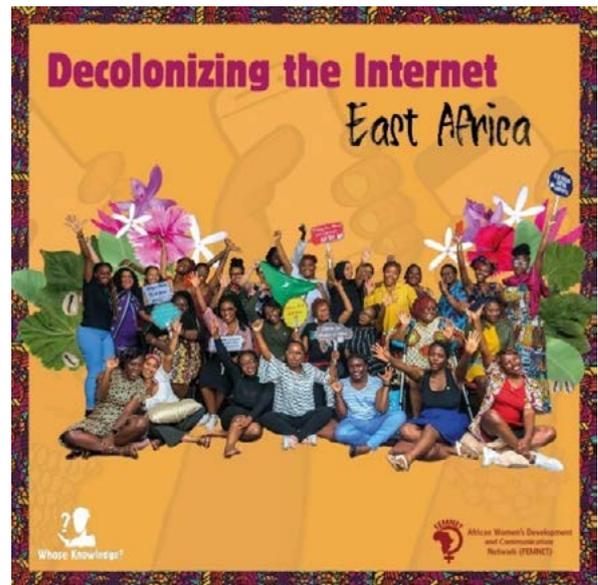


Decolonizing the Internet East Africa

In September 2022, FEMNET in collaboration with Whose Knowledge?, convened nearly 40 feminists, activists, technologists, artists, scholars, knowledge professionals and digital curators from across the East-African region in Lusaka, Zambia. The deeply authentic and thoughtful conversations and reflections on why and how to continue decolonizing the internet,

underscored the collective feminist strategies and action to challenge oppressive structures of power, and build together a more fair, just, equitable, and safe internet for all. [Click here to read the Decolonizing the Internet East Africa – Summary Report.](#) The DTI participants then curated images in WhoseKnowledge?

[#VisibleWikiWomen](#) campaign and participated and contributed to the [Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa \(FIFAfrica 2022\)](#) through a [panel conversation on Resistance and Connection: an African feminist perspective for decolonizing the internet](#).



Our Digital Footprints & Conversations



FEMNET continued to use digital and social media platforms to mobilize, influence policy, engage, network, follow up and share information more fluidly with her members and partners leading to better coordination during key advocacy moments.

Throughout the year, FEMNET initiated, joined and contributed to online discussions curated in hashtags:

#AFMA2022 #AfricaCareEconomyIndex

#AfricaDisruptCSW66

#AfricanFeministStories #BreakTheBias

#BlockBlackRock #Femonomics

#CSW66Africa #GenerationEquality

#GenerationEqualityAfrica

#DecolonizingTheInternet

#FeministClimateJustice #ISpeak4Myself

#SRHRDialogues #MakeTaxFair

Specifically, FEMNET partner with Oxfam and STITCH partners in Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Mauritius to organize Digital ICTs Trainings to strengthen the capacities of communications and programmes staff in effective use of digital Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) including social media platforms to tell and document their stories and contribute to the body of knowledge on women's rights and gender equality in Africa and globally, to engage with and influence policy makers and policy influencers at national and regional levels through targeted digital campaigns and to collaborate, network and share information as a critical strategy for solidifying the African women's movement. Following the digital trainings, partners will continue to use the skills, expertise and networks gained in digital influencing campaign including during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, International Women's Day and advocacy around the Maputo Protocol implementation.

FEMNET's Knowledge Resources

In 2022, FEMNET's work was diffused and featured in the following national, regional and global media and knowledge platforms:-

- [Africa Climate Change Disaster Blamed on the West | ChimpReports](#)
- [Africa: The 27 Demands African Women Want Addressed at COP27 #AfricaClimateHope](#)
- [African activists are calling for the specific vulnerabilities of women and girls on the continent to take center stage at COP27](#)
- [African campaigners renew call for action on climate emergencies](#)
- [African women hold parallel commission to UN CSW66 in Nairobi \(the-star.co.ke\)](#)
- [African women stand up for themselves - \(zambezinews24.com\)](#)
- [Anything missing at COP27? Women's voices](#)
- [Climate change experts meet in Vic Falls](#)
- [Climate Change: African Feminists, Civil Society Make 17 Demands as 66th CSW \(Commission on the Status of Women\) Kicks Off | ChimpReports](#)
- [COP27: Women and Climate Justice in Africa](#)
- [Cycle power and gender rights: days eight and nine at Cop27 – in pictures](#)
- [Empowering Women To Be Transformative Leaders In Africa~ Memory Kachambwa Executive Director FEMNET](#)
- [Equity, representation and financing — let's lighten the burden carried by African women](#)
- [FEMNET: Western Countries Using African Data, Challenges for Personal Gain | ChimpReports](#)
- [Gender Roles in the East African Drought](#)
- [LDC Director, Students Recognised as Campuses Vote New Leadership](#)
- [Mt Kenya women caucus to form women-led party](#)
- [Resistance and Connection: An African Feminist Perspective for Decolonizing the internet](#)
- [Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights \(We Lead\)](#)
- [The 27 demands African women want addressed at COP27](#)
- [Uganda: Youths Urged to Take Keen Interest in Taxation Matters](#)
- [Virtual conferences exclude most African women – how can we be heard? | Memory Kachambwa | The Guardian](#)
- [Why women need more representation at COPs \(Conference of the Parties\)](#)
- [Women demand more inclusion in climate change decisions, actions](#)
- [We, African feminists, Speak for ourselves](#)
- [Resistance & Connection: an African Feminist Perspective for Decolonizing the Internet](#)

Information & Knowledge Resources by FEMNET in 2022

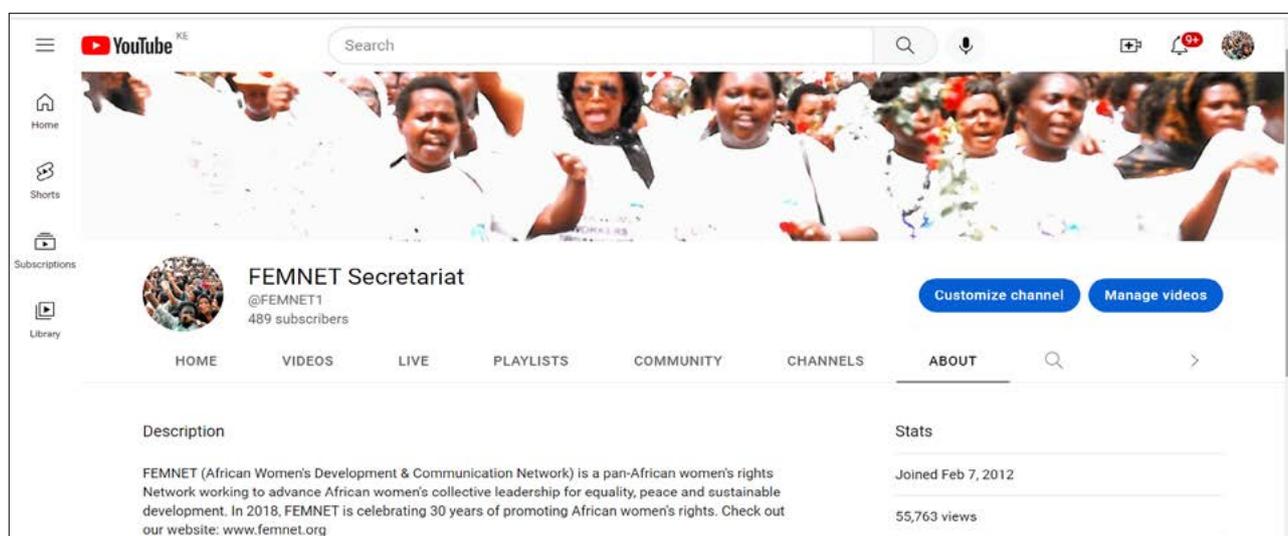
The following are some of the information and knowledge products generated and diffused by FEMNET throughout the year: -

- [Generation Equality Forum Commitments: What did African Leaders in Government, Civil Society & Private Sector Promise?](#)
- [Pan-African Ecofeminists Demands](#)
- [FGM/C Advocacy Toolkit](#)
- [Boite à outils pour le plaidoyer sur les MGF/E](#)
- [Qualitative study on the impact of COVID-19 on sexual and reproductive health and rights \(SRHR\) of women & girls in Africa](#)
- [Etude qualitative sur l'impact du COVID-19 sur la sante et les droits sexuels et reproductifs \(SDSR\) des](#)
- [Policy Brief: Still a long way to eradicate practices that endanger women & girls' lives – Zambia](#)
- [Engaging community leaders & capacitating law enforces is essential for women & girls' rights – Uganda](#)
- [Policy Brief: Towards breaking the walls that disregard the human rights of women & girls – Tunisia](#)
- [Economic empowerment is key to ending harmful practices and protecting women & girls' rights – Tanzania](#)
- [Policy Brief: Strong legislation to protect women & girls' rights is a must – Somalia](#)
- [Policy Brief: Towards realizing women & girls' rights: Putting policy into practice – Rwanda](#)
- [Advancing women & girls' rights: Implementing policies that promote social change – Nigeria](#)
- [Harmful practices persist: A need for law reform & resourced implementation to realise women & girls' rights – Niger](#)
- [Policy Brief: Female genital mutilation, Early and Child Marriages – Mozambique](#)
- [Policy Brief: Targeted advocacy is key to protect women & girls' rights – Malawi](#)
- [Women & Girl's rights stifled: A policy review to ensure progressive culture change – Liberia](#)
- [A Policy Brief: Harmful practices, A deep-rooted reality in Kenya](#)
- [Policy Brief: Policies Inaction: Law, Reform and Behavior change – Guinea](#)
- [Policy Brief: Supporting evidence-based research to realize women & girls' rights – Egypt](#)
- [FAQ on WHY the UN Women and BlackRock partnership must be rescinded!](#)
- [The Africa Care Economy Index](#)
- [Policy Brief Highlights from the Zambia Fair Tax Monitor Gender Analysis](#)
- [The Zambia Fair Tax Monitor \(FTM\) Gender Analysis Report \(2022\)](#)
- [Rethinking & Regrounding SRHR: A Conversation between Hope Chigudu & Rudo Chigudu](#)
- [Afrique CSW66 Déclaration de Nairobi](#)
- [Africa CSW Nairobi Declaration](#)

- [Africa Disrupt Newsletter – Issue 3](#)
- [Feminist Demands @ CSW66 for a Gender-Transformative Agenda for Climate & Environmental Action](#)
- [Africa Disrupt Newsletter – Issue 2](#)
- [Why #AfricaDisruptCSW66? Issue 1](#)
- [Csw66 déclaration de position des féministes africaines, des organisations de défense des droits des femmes et de la société civile](#)
- [CSW66 Position Statement By African Feminists, Women’s Rights and Civil Society Organizations](#)
- [Women’s Rights & Macroeconomic Engagement in Africa: A MAPPING](#)

FEMNET’s YouTube Channel in 2022

Click the links below to listen to some of the stories and messages curated during the year by FEMNET members and partners:-



- [The 2nd African Girls and Young Women \(AGYW\) Festival #ISpeak4Myself Declaration](#)
- [The Pan African Eco-feminist Demand at COP 27, Press Conference](#)
- [Women’s Leadership is a Human Right](#)
- [African Feminist Voices in COP 27](#)
- [What Would Fiscal Justice Look Like for Women and Girls in Zambia?](#)
- [We Lead the Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Conversation!](#)
- [The #ISpeak4Myself Declaration](#)
- [Amplifying the Voice of Girls & Young Women](#)
- [#16daysofactivism Girls and Young Women #sheleads Voices](#)
- [SRHR Barometer](#)
- [Data Driven Advocacy \(DDA\)](#)

....More Advocacy Spaces we Occupied in 2022

FEMNET engaged in multiple advocacy spaces within the continent and globally. Be it a created or invited advocacy spaces, FEMNET mobilized and supported her members and partners to meaningfully participate and strategically influence and contribute to the agendas and process of the following notable spaces:-

Regional Advocacy & Decision-Making spaces	Global Advocacy & Decision-Making spaces
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alternative Mining Indaba ▪ Feminist Republic ▪ The Future is Public ▪ Africa Conference on Debt and Development ▪ Africa Feminist Forum East Africa and West Africa ▪ East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) ▪ COMESA Dialogue ▪ Roundtable Discussion with Rwandese/Pan-African Women Experts (featuring Janet Mbugua, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Melinda French Gates) ▪ Climate Change and Development for Africa Conference (CCDA-X) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feminist Foreign Policy Retreat ▪ Financing for Development ▪ IAFFE (International Association for Feminist Economics) ▪ Human Rights Climate Justice ▪ Social Behaviour Change Communication ▪ ICFP 2022 (International Conference on Family Planning. ▪ Justice Based Approach) ▪ 75th UN General Assembly side event on Economic Justice Rights ▪ The Bonn Climate Change Intersessionals ▪ African Ministerial Conference on the Environment ▪ AfDB Annual Meeting ▪ COP 27

Looking Forward



As we approach 2023, we are excited to be celebrating 10 years of African Agenda 2063 and most importantly all roads lead to Maputo, Mozambique as we celebrate 20 years of Maputo Protocol the official launch will be in Maputo in July 2023 and 1. We also look forward to critical spaces on the continent:

- Women Deliver in Rwanda in July <https://womendeliver.org/conference/wd2023/>
- The International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) <https://www.iaffe.org/annual-conferences/2023-annual-conference/> in Cape Town, South Africa

Our work would not have been possible without the generous support of ALL our partners who enabled us to directly reach and connect with over 2,500 people as we implemented 31 projects in 2022. Deep appreciation to all FEMNET members (individual and organizational members), Board of Directors, Staff, co-conspirators and movement leaders including the African Youth Commission, SEforALL (Sustainable Energy for All) and our development partners including African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), Global Fund for Women, WhoseKnowledge?, OutRight International, Hewlett Foundation, Christian Aid, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), Oxfam Novib, Sida, European Union, Gates Foundation, IDEA International, New Venture Fund, Open Society Foundation, Oxfam America, Plan International, Echidna Giving, Tax Justice Network, TIDES, UN Women, UNDP, Wellspring Philanthropic, Womankind Worldwide, FORGE, RFSU, Women Win, Ford Foundation, UNFPA Spotlight, Hivos, EM2030, Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), NOVO, Wellspring Philanthropic, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Netherlands.

We march forth inspired and believing in the power of the African women's movement in dismantling the root causes of inequality; creating alternatives/ possibilities; driving the agenda for transformation; strengthening collective action and feminist power and solidarity.

Viva African women and girls in all their diversity, VIVA!

Financials

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

ASSETS	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Kshs	USD	Kshs	USD
Non-Current Assets				
Property and equipment-net of accumulated depreciation	35,335,497	286,411	37,761,436	333,758
Intangible assets	1,967,624	15,948	1,790,308	15,824
Current Assets				
Cash and Bank Balances	1,120,806,101	9,084,659	850,255,524	7,515,074
Accounts Receivable	58,145,525	471,296	10,064,385	88,956
Total Current Assets	<u>1,178,951,626</u>	<u>9,555,955</u>	<u>860,319,909</u>	<u>7,604,030</u>
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	25,275,596	204,871	23,592,338	208,523
Deferred unrestricted income	194,708,404	1,578,204	189,967,028	1,679,044
Deferred restricted income	781,251,384	6,332,408	564,909,490	4,993,014
Total current Liabilities	<u>1,001,235,385</u>	<u>8,115,483</u>	<u>778,468,856</u>	<u>6,880,581</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>177,716,242</u>	<u>1,440,472</u>	<u>81,851,053</u>	<u>723,449</u>
Net Assests	<u>215,019,363</u>	<u>1,742,831</u>	<u>121,402,797</u>	<u>1,073,031</u>
Represented by:				
Programme funds	130,892,844	1,060,946	84,276,278	744,884
Foreign Currency Reserve as Restated	84,126,519	681,885	37,126,519	328,147
Total Funds	<u>215,019,363</u>	<u>1,742,831</u>	<u>121,402,797</u>	<u>1,073,031</u>

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	KShs	USD	KShs	USD
INCOME				
Restricted grant income	744,000,107	6,340,175	530,957,964	4,835,302
Unrestricted grant income	43,681,440	353,933	17,987,591	164,715
Other income	8,331,036	70,695	6,787,179	61,898
Total Income	796,012,583	6,764,803	555,732,734	5,061,915
EXPENDITURE				
Programme expenses	676,521,243	5,740,804	457,091,169	4,168,645
Establishment expenses	10,893,328	92,438	11,644,975	106,201
Administration expenses	61,981,446	525,961	48,538,927	442,672
Total expenses	749,396,017	6,359,203	517,275,071	4,717,518
Balance for the Year	46,616,566	405,600	38,457,663	344,397

The Statement of Financial Position for FEMNET closed the year 2022 with a net assets balance of KES 215,019,363 (US\$ 1,742,831).

FEMNET recorded Income of KES 796,012,583 (US\$6,764,803) during the 2022 financial year. The organisation continued to have very strong expense ratios with programme expenses representing 90% of the total expenses.

The expenditure and related items as presented, represents operations in implementing FEMNET's 2019 strategy in line with its mission. Operations during the year took into account most important and relevant opportunities that evolved during the reporting period. The network made invaluable efforts in assessing and exchanging ideas and experiences on systems, policies, good practices, programmes quality and strategies with 28 WROs, which got sub-grants in 2022. The 2022 operations include US\$ 1,653,740 disbursed to co-applicants and implementing partners as sub-grants and/or coalition members, with more WROs expected to be funded in 2023.

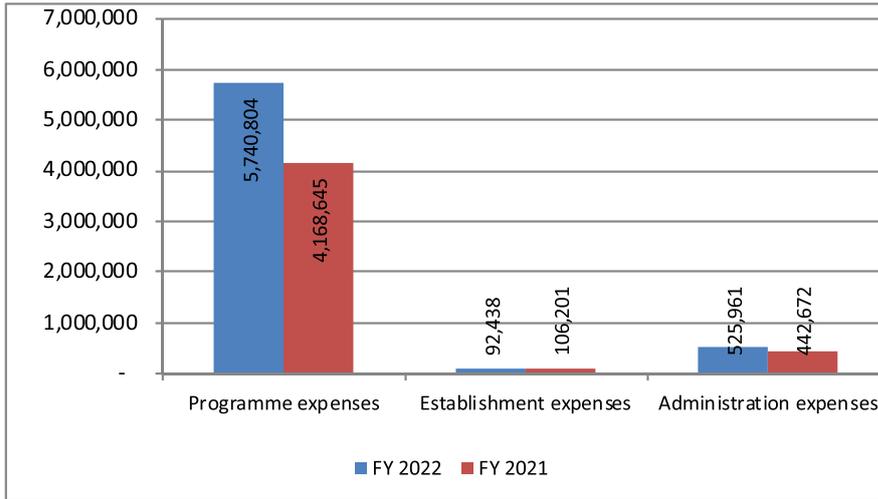
We have been able to implement our activities in sustainable way and we aim to drive sustainability agenda to all our stakeholders to always consider the ecological, economic and social impacts of our work.

The assets include a 2 acre land in the outskirts of Nairobi presented at cost (2012), with directors' valuation as at 31st December, 2022, standing at KES 15 million (US\$ 138,946) up from purchase price of KES 10million (US\$97,276).

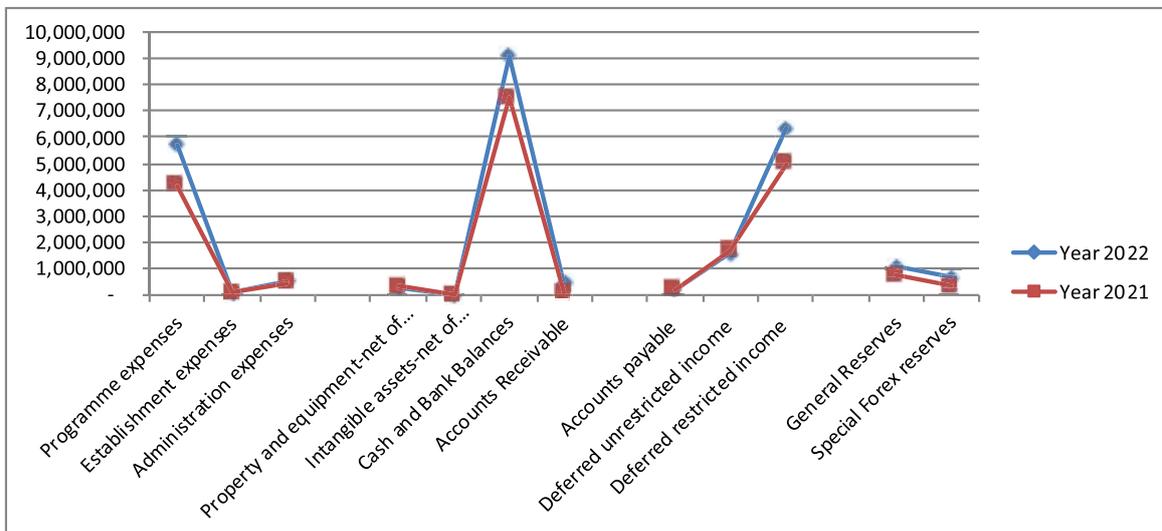
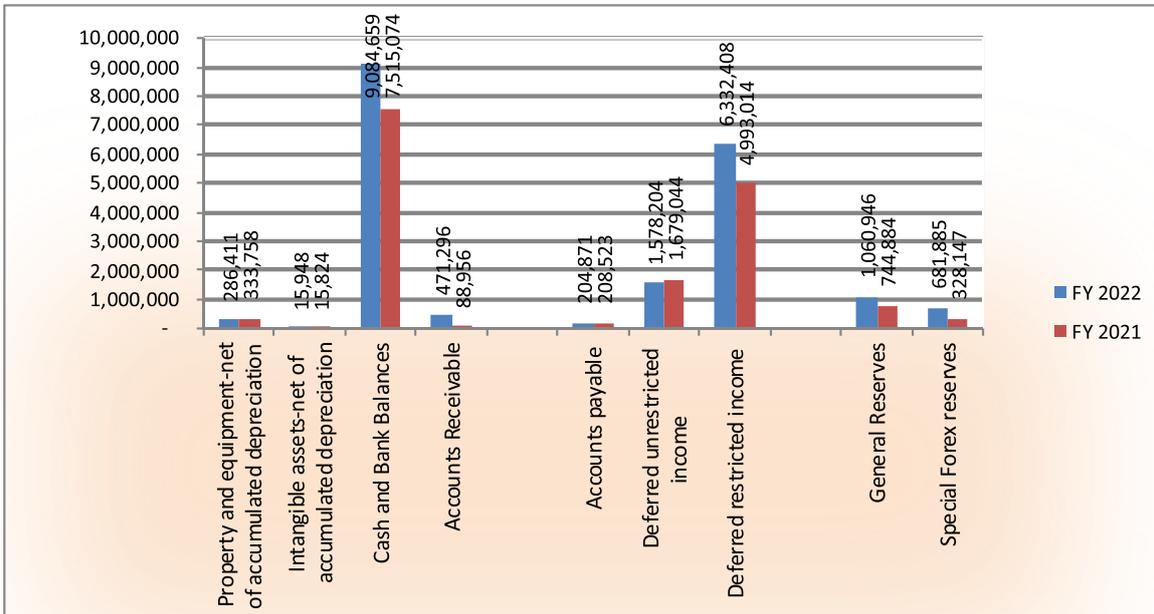
* The financial statements are prepared in Kenya Shillings (KES) as the base currency. For reporting purposes, the current year balances have been translated to United States Dollars (USD) at the year end rate of 1 USD = KES 123.3735 for statement of financial position items, spot rate for grants received during the year and the annual average rate of USD 1 = KES 117.8483 for other items in the income statement.

The published financial reports are extracts from audited Financial Statements and Reports. FEMNET's financial statements have been independently audited by Audit firm of BDO East Africa Kenya. and received an unqualified audit opinion as to their fair presentation in conformity with International Standards on Auditing (ISA).

EXPENDITURES FOR 2022 AND 2021-COMPARATIVES FIGURES IN US\$



STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021





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