

RECOMMENDATIONS DU FORUM DES FEMMES
MAIN SESSION AND PARALLEL SESSION



1. “Vulnerability of girls and women to violence / Women as agents of peace”

2. “Women's Networks for Peace in Africa”

1. Recognizing the need to build truly inclusive peaceful societies, and acknowledging that the fulfilment of women and girls human rights is systematically lagging behind or being violated, we **call** upon all African States to intensify the development and implementation of inclusive and gender transformative policies that address the vulnerability of women and girls to violence as well as interventions for advocacy and education against cultural, social and political practices and norms that perpetuate vulnerability of women and girls to violence;
2. Acknowledging that education is key to inclusion and equity, we specifically **call** upon Governments to support women and girls programmes to promote their access to quality and inclusive education including the reduction of their vulnerability to gender-based violence;
3. Recognizing the key role of African women as agents and promoters of peace on the continent, acknowledging their limited capacity in contributing to reduce violence and be part of the decision-making process with regard to peace, we **encourage** an enhanced coordination between United Nations (in particular UNESCO and UNWOMEN), the African Union, the regional and national women organizations and the network of civil society;

4. We **propose** the organization of a conference to follow-up, exchange experiences and best practices in peace and non-violence, as well as conduct research on women leadership, the role of women in conflict prevention, including women and medias, as well as in the promotion of a culture of peace;

5. Recognizing that girls and women with disabilities still face intersecting barriers and lack the support necessary to participate fully in society, and in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, we **remind** States party to this Convention of their obligations to guarantee and promote "the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities without discrimination of any kind on the basis of disability and gender" and to comply with the established provisions by developing and implementing adopted laws and policies, through a process of close consultation and their active participation.