

RECOMMENDATIONS FORUM OF IDEAS



“Leaving no one behind: promoting the integration of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and migrants in Africa”

1. We call upon the African Union, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), African countries and transit countries and countries of destination to **adopt** comprehensive gender-sensitive policies, frameworks, and measures in refugee management at the local, national and regional levels, addressing violence against woman as well as human trafficking;
2. We appeal to international organization and countries to **increase** national and public investment in the provision of shelter, adequate water and sanitation facilities, health services, quality education (including through ICTs) and childcare and other gender-sensitive services to for refugees and IDPs, complemented by long-term efforts to guarantee the right to housing, land and property;
3. We urge countries to **prioritize** the ratification, adoption and implementation of key legal and policy frameworks, in particular the Kampala Convention and the Maputo Protocol, and in collaboration with the AUC to establish an annual review mechanism to monitor and control compliance in order to improve the protection of women and children and eliminate harmful practices that exacerbate their vulnerability in situations of displacement;

4. We call upon the AUC and countries to **adopt** effective mechanisms, practices and structures for mitigation and management of climate change effects and reduction of the potential damage associated with climate-change-related displacement, including social protection systems that enhance the resilience of displaced women and children.