



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

STATEMENT

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Chairperson,

Congratulations for chairing this 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Kenya aligns itself with the statement delivered by Uganda on behalf of the **African Group**.

Chairperson,

The Government of Kenya recognizes that ending poverty and achieving inclusive sustainable development, requires **investment** in economic and social policies supported by **gender responsive** and **accountable institutions**.

The Government has put in place a legal framework that promotes economic empowerment and gender equality, facilitating efforts towards poverty eradication in Kenya.

Kenya Vision 2030, is reinforced by Kenya's **Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)**, which aims at alleviating poverty by lowering the annual inflation rate to **5%**; eradicating hunger and creating **1,200,000** jobs annually.

Chairperson,

Women's representation in key dockets testifies to Kenya's reinforcement of the gender equality agenda. In the executive, women account for **32%** of the Cabinet Secretaries (Ministers).

Three women have been elevated to the highest level of Government as **Advisors on Women's Rights** and **National Security** and the **Secretary to Cabinet**. Additionally, women occupy financial dockets namely: **Auditor General, Controller of**

Budgets, Salaries and Remuneration Commission, Commission on Revenue Allocation. A woman is at helm of the **Devolution** discourse, **chairing the Governors' Council.**

Chairperson,

Given the importance of the Judiciary on access to justice, women constitute **91** out of **177 judges** and **298** of **542** magistrates. Moreover, the **Chief Justice** and **Deputy Chief Justice** are women.

The Judiciary has established eleven (11) Specialized Gender Based Violence Courts, **staffed with well-trained judicial officers.** They embody trauma-informed approaches that prioritize survivors' safety and dignity.

Chairperson,

The Government budget reforms through public sector hearings provide women with an opportunity to contribute to the budget making process.

Control of Budget Management Information System (COBMIS) has strengthened financial systems. The **Standard Chart of Accounts systems** track and publicize allocations for gender programming.

Chairperson,

Currently **49.5 percent** of women own a mobile phone. Technological changes and shift towards digital platforms have boosted women owned enterprises. Commercial banks have tailor-made unique financial products for women.

The Hustler fund seeks to cushion and mitigate financial shocks for the informal sector which accounts for more **than 80% of the workforce** and **contributes over 33%** of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Chairperson,

In fulfilment of the Generation Equality commitments, a co-financed model of a GBV survivors' fund with non-state actors is in place and an allocation of **USD2.7 million** for elimination of FGM and GBV. Through partnerships, **USD4.3 million** was allocated by Government of Finland and **USD0.2 million** by UNFPA.

On Climate Change, the Government launched a granular gender and climate change hotspot mapping and is developing a National Gender and Climate Change Action Plan.

In conclusion, Kenya will constructively engage and share its experiences during this session. We look forward to a bold and action-oriented outcome which should build up to the Summit of the Future, Pact for the Future and the 2025 World Social Summit.

I THANK YOU