Nala Feminist Collective
Mid-Year Report
March - August 2021
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Welcome

by Founder & Chair Aya CHebbi

Welcome to NalaFem,

Nala Feminist Collective (NalaFem) was launched on 1st July 2021 at the Generation Equality Forum (GEF) in Paris, France. Our mission is FEM – Foster, Enable and Mobilize young women from Africa and the Diaspora, to bridge between policy and implementation, intergovernmental and grassroots spaces as well as generation gap.

We worked diligently - from March to August 2021 - to ensure that the voices of young African women were heard throughout the process of Generation Equality and beyond. Following the official release of Africa Young Women B+24 Manifesto in November 2020 under the African Union Office of the Youth Envoy, my team and I developed a comprehensive advocacy campaign and succeeded to collect over 10,000 signatures and include 8 out of the 10 demands of the Manifesto within the Action Coalitions commitments and in the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact.

This involved an extensive engagement from GEF Mexico to GEF Paris, culminating into an array of meetings, webinars, social media outreach, intergenerational dialogues, stakeholder engagement, youth forums, media engagement and the establishment of Nala Council of 17 young women leaders, all of which is presented in this Mid-Year Report.

Thanks to the financial support of the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation and New Venture Fund, and the wide partnership with youth networks, this project was made possible.
THE JOURNEY OF NALA FEMINIST COLLECTIVE

FROM THE AFRICAN UNION OFFICE OF YOUTH ENVOY TO NALA FEMINIST COLLECTIVE

During the tenure of Ms. Aya Chebbi, as the African Union Special Envoy on Youth (2018-2021), Gender Equality constituted a major pillar of the work of the Office of the Youth Envoy (OYE). Among the activities, the OYE organized five Beijing+25 Regional Barazas with the participation of 1500 young people from 44 African countries. The outcomes of the conversations culminated into the *Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto*, a ground-breaking feminist political document that sets out critical issues of concern for the young women of Africa and makes demands for addressing them.

The Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto was handed over during *The Africa Young Women Beijing+25 High-Level Intergenerational Dialogue on 25 November 2020*, to Amb. Delphine O (Secretary General of the Generation Equality Forum), H.E. Bineta Diop (African Union Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security), and Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka (Executive Director of UN Women).

With the end of Ms Chebbi’s tenure as the African Union Special Envoy on Youth, and with the demand of African young women to create a platform that bridges intergovernmental and grassroots spaces, the Nala Feminist Collective was established.
Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto is a groundbreaking feminist political document that sets out critical issues of concern for young women of Africa and makes demands for addressing them. The Manifesto is the result of a grassroots-level approach and the organization of Five Regional Barazas convened by the African Union Office of the Youth Envoy from 12-30 October 2020.

These Barazas brought together over 1500 young people from across 44 African countries and with over 30 partners and resulted in the co-creation of 10 demands. Besides being endorsed by leaders of the Generation Equality Forum, the legitimacy of the manifesto was set out by the young women and men who have voiced and advocated for their demands to be heard.
The Manifesto is available in six (6) languages, namely English, French, Arabic, Swahili, Spanish, and Portuguese.
Nala Feminist Collective Secretariat convened from **6-7 March 2021** in a strategic planning retreat and developed the programme, creative, fundraising and partnership strategies for NalaFem. These strategies culminated into the political, digital and offline engagements necessary for NalaFem to achieve the objectives of establishing a platform that bridges the gap between young women in the intergovernmental space and at grassroots level, while influencing the Generation Equality Forum and Action Coalitions processes, to ensure meaningful inclusivity and consideration of African Young Women aspirations, concerns and challenges.

The objectives of the Retreat were:

- Define the mission, objectives and vision of the Collective
- Develop Programme, branding creative/communication, fundraising and Partnership strategies
- Develop mobilization direction and thematic areas which will guide the work of the collective

The outcomes of the Retreat provided the roadmap for the work of the Nala Feminist Collective from March to July 2021, and was documented in the **Strategic Planning Retreat Report**.
ABOUT NALA FEMINIST COLLECTIVE

Nala Feminist Collective (NalaFem) is a Pan-African group of 17 feminists with a mission to bridge between policy and implementation, intergovernmental and grassroots spaces as well as generational gap.

THE OBJECTIVES OF NALA FEMINIST COLLECTIVE ARE FEM:

FOSTER
Intergenerational co-leadership and dialogues among young women, African Union and United Nations Stakeholders.

ENABLE
Young women in the different regions to share their initiatives and engagement at grassroots, national, regional and continental level.

MOBILIZE
For the African Young Women Manifesto with 10 practical demands.

NALA COUNCIL

The Nala Council consists of 17 women leaders under the age of 40 who are experts in various fields, including academia, social movements, civil society, philanthropy, public administration, the private sector, entertainment and multilateral institutions.

Council Members were identified through a rigorous process, to ensure:

- Their values were aligned to NalaFem
- Their individual and professional commitment towards the advancement of Gender Equality in Africa and beyond
- Their understanding and compliance with the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto demands
- They provide regional and linguistic diversity

The Nala Council members joined the Nala Feminist Collective upon signature of an Agreement Form outlining their commitments, working methods and duration of their term -- May 2021 to May 2023

This project is powered by Afresist, the convening organization of Nala Feminist Collective.
NALA COUNCIL

Aya Chebbi
Diplomat, Founder and Chair
Nala Feminist Collective
Tunisia

Emmen Kress
Deputy Minister of Information, Communication and Technology
Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology Namibia

Filsan Abdullahi
Minister of Women, Children and Youth
Ministry of Women, Children and Youth Ethiopia

Natasha Wang Mwansa
Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Activist and Advocate
Activist and Advocate Zambia

Rose Wachuka Macharia
Advocate
High Court of Kenya
Kenya

Yasmine Quihrane
Advocate and Founder
We Belong Europe
Morocco-Italy

Aïssata Camara
Creator of FGM Economics and Founder
There’s No Limit Foundation
Guinea - USA

Emtithal Mahmood
Poet, Activist and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador
UNHCR Sudan

Jaha Dukureh
Nobel Peace Prize Nominee and UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for Africa
Safe Hands for Girls
Gambia

Oluwaseun Ayodeji Osowobi
Gender Equality Advocate and Founder
Stand to End Rape
Nigeria

Vanessa Nakate
Climate Justice Advocate and Founder
Rise Up Movement
Uganda

Zozibini Tunzi
Miss Universe 2019
Miss Universe
South Africa

Yasmine Ouirhrane
We Belong Europe
Morocco-Italy

Rosebell Kagumire
Human Rights Defender and Feminist Writer
African Feminism (AF)
Uganda

Yassmin-Abdel Magied
Writer and Broadcaster
Sudan-UK-Australia

Council bios
CLICK HERE

www.nalafem.org
The Nalafem secretariat is composed of a committed Africa-based team whose work focuses in driving the digital visibility of Nala, and executing the strategic direction provided by Nala Council.

NALA SECRETARIAT

Sodfa Daaji
Campaign Coordinator

Neil Malilwe
Digital Lead

Amina Soulimani
Social Media Manager

Nathan Malilwe
Graphic Designer

Anita Graham
Social Media Manager

Owden Godson
Webmaster
BUDGET

169,594 USD
Total expenditure between March and August 2021

THANKS TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

6,000 USD
Direct grants to grassroots youth organisations

5 permanent staff of diverse group of young Africans hired

11 young people solicited for consultancies

MALE 37.5%
FEMALE 62.5%
Between March - 21 June 2021, NalaFem embarked on a strategic campaign aiming to collect 10,000 signatures for the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto, while disseminating and raising awareness of the 10 demands. This resulted in different engagements and collaborations that aimed to inform the broader African youth constituency, while bringing them closer to the Generation Equality Forum and Action Coalitions processes.

### 10,000 SIGNATURES CAMPAIGN

**Nala Milestones**

The campaign reached and engaged with 11 countries in Southern Africa, 15 countries in East Africa, 5 countries in Central Africa, 14 countries in West Africa and 8 countries in North Africa. The campaign also reached over 52 countries across Europe, Asia, the Middle East and The Americas.

Over 8,780 signatures were collected through Webforms on the website and through signup forms on Facebook in English, French, Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish and Kiswahili.

Most of the webform primary signature traffic came via a 60,000-mailing list, and the tertiary from social media and direct visits to the Nala website. The campaign also used Facebook SignUp forms as another collection method. The Facebook sign up collectors collected the most signatures as they account for over 5,700 of the total signatures.

**5,700 signatures derived from Facebook sign up collectors.**

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**ONLINE CAMPAIGN**

8,780 signatures

**Cumulative 10,360**

15,269 clicks that directed to the signature forms in multiple languages, through Bitly link.

### 105 COUNTRIES

**ORIGINS**

**ONLINE**

- Web sign-up Forms: 2,676
- Facebook Sign-up Forms: 5,738
- Office of the AU-OYE Pre-Campaign Forms: 366
- **Cumulative:** 8,780

**OFFLINE**

- DRC: 490
- Sierra Leone: 496
- South Sudan Refugees Camp: 113
- Tanzania: 486
- **Total:** 1,580

**Cumulative:** 10,360

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**OVER 105+ COUNTRIES**

**Males:** 47.8%

**Females:** 52.2%

19.7% people aged 18-24.
39.6% people aged between 25-30
60.4% people aged over 30.
NalaFem’s digital presence comprises the website, social media channels, and other services that enable NalaFem reach and engage with its emerging audience. From the onset, NalaFem’s goal was to develop generic interest and also deliberately reach the desired NalaFem demography of interest. The following table represents an audience growth snapshot.

**Countries Engaged in African Region**
- East Africa: 28.3%
- West Africa: 26.4%
- Southern Africa: 20.8%
- North Africa: 15.1%
- Central Africa: 9.4%

**Online Gender From 6957 Submissions**
- Female: 52.2%
- Male: 47.8%
- Other: 0.0%

**Age Range from 900 Submissions**
- 17 and below: 1%
- 18-24: 19.7%
- 25-30: 29.1%
- 31-35: 13.9%
- 36 and above: 17.2%
- 26-30: 19%

**Facebook**: 10,594; **Instagram**: 537; **Twitter**: 1,090. Totalling **12,221** followers.

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<td>Instagram</td>
<td>282k</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>1.4M</td>
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<td>Twitter</td>
<td>769K</td>
<td>14.2K</td>
<td>744.5K</td>
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**#Nalafem Hashtag**
Through the social media strategy of the campaign, #Nalafem hashtag included all its postings on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

780K reached during GEF Paris Period (30 June - 2 July 2021) using #Nalafem
Most viewed page - Manifesto Page - 3,600 Visitors

17,783 views for all live-streamed lives webinars on Facebook

Top 5 Countries
- Tunisia: 227
- Libya: 352
- Kenya: 299
- USA: 920
- Nigeria: 586

Virtual Engagements on Zoom
Due to the continued effects and constraints of the COVID-19 in 2021, all of NalaFem’s people engagements were conducted virtually. The Zoom video conferencing platform was the default preference for meetings, webinars and other virtual activities due to its popularity and familiarity across the African continent.

From 9 April to 2 July 2021, the NalaFem zoom account recorded the following metrics:

- 38 Zoom Meetings with 332 participants
- 13 Webinars
- 2,514 registrations with 866 participants
- 838 of Women attendees for thematic webinars
- 70% women vs 30% of men attendees at webinars

Newsletters
Nalafem leveraged the MailChimp email marketing service as part of its digital communications strategy for the duration of its campaigns.

31 Newsletter Campaigns
Delivered over 1,430,000+ times
Opened 290,000+ unique times

“African Young Women Uniting - On the 10 Manifesto Demands”
43,000 recipient
Delivered 59,000 times
23,000 unique opens
an open rate of 39.40%
OFFLINE CAMPAIGN

Nalafem collaborated with four young advocates for offline engagement which collected 1,580 signatures and brought Generation Equality Forum closer to young people in the community. Nalafem provided financial support of $250 per youth advocate to mobilize, inform and collect signatures. For this collection method, the signature identifier was the participants mobile phone number.

Total of 1,580 signatures

**Offline Signatures By Country**

- Serra Leone: 31.3%
- Tanzania: 30.7%
- DRC: 30.9%
- South Sudan: 7.1%

**Offline Signatures By Gender**

- Female: 56.5%
- Male: 43.5%

**Offline Signatures By Age Range**

- 18-24: 42.6%
- 25-30: 24.2%
- 31-35: 13.8%
- 36 and above: 13.3%
- 17 and below: 6.2%
Hawa Yokie had organized town halls in the surroundings of Freetown, the capital city of Sierra Leone. The town halls aimed at informing young women and men about the Africa Young Women B+25 Manifesto, as well as the Generation Equality Forum and Action Coalitions processes. Participants were positively impressed by the Manifesto, and no major constraints or challenges were faced by Hawa. The engagement resulted in 496 signatures being collected.

Despite the volcano eruption in Goma (22 May 2021), which affected mobility and exacerbated the condition of young people with disabilities, Sylvain Obedi was able to mobilize and collect endorsements from different stakeholders in multiple ways. In fact, Sylvain managed to establish partnerships with some local organizations and the media, with the aim of disseminating the demands of the Manifesto and collecting broader endorsement from young people in Goma.

Some want it to happen, some would like it to happen and Nala makes it happen, the 10 manifesto of young African women, is a legacy for present and future generations.

The most challenging engagement was the one led by Data Robert Festo and the volunteers of Refugee Active Peace Building Initiative, working in the Rhino Camp Refugee Settlement with refugees from South Sudan. RAPBI organized informative town halls with greater participation of both women and men of different ages.

Challenge: many of the young women do not own a cell phone, and often share one with their male relatives.

Working with NalaFEM was a great experience. I love the transparency of the organization and how inclusive they were to work with young people from around Africa. It helped me a lot to understand young people in my country on their knowledge about the Beijing +25 and the importance of signing the Manifesto.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the management of NalaFEM in supporting our programs on advocating for women rights in Refugee settlement here in Uganda. Throughout this collective engagement it has changed our community perspective from traditional ways of thinking to understanding the involving women in decision making. Truly without your engagement with us we could not have reached to meet overcome 500 South Sudanese women in Refugee settlement.
Nala Feminist Collective engaged 23 stakeholders including governments, civil society, foundations, private sector among others that:

- Disseminated the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto
- Ensured meaningful participation of African young women in the Generation Equality Forum
- Ensured inclusion of the Manifesto’s 10 demands within the Action Coalitions commitments, as well as in the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact

Ever since its publication, the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto has received multiple endorsements from political figures from Africa and the international community. Stakeholders

“Without investing in young women and girls, we will not be able to achieve the sustainable development goals. There has been progress but not enough. COVID has taught us how easily achievement can be reversed. Decision makers need to deliver on the Agenda. So, Norway will do its part. I endorse the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto of Nala Feminist Collective because #GenerationEquality cannot afford to move forward without Africa.”

H.E. Dag Inge-Ulstein, Minister of International Development of Norway
A strong articulate PanAfrican Feminist @aya_chebbi speaks out and calls out current systems, including #VaccineEquality and #Racist treatment that prevented so many young feminists from being able to come to Europe to attend #GenerationEquality in Paris.

Joining forces w/ @unicefchief and @aya_chebbi to meet with young leaders that will create a peaceful, greener & more equal tomorrow. You are the generation that will change the conversation! You inspired & convinced me that everything is possible! Looking forward to our next meeting.

Kate Hampton @katelhontongray - Jun 30
This sums it all up brilliantly and beautifully. Women everywhere in all their diversity can relate and act in solidarity. #GenerationEquality @NalaFem

Nala Feminist Collective @NalaFem - Jun 24
Meet Nala Council 📢
17 PanAfrican Feminists came together to advocate for #GenerationEquality to be inclusive of Africa Young Women Bidding for 25 Manifesto demands - ActForEqual. Cannot afford to move forward without Africa.

Nala Feminist Collective @NalaFem - Jun 28
#Education is not a privilege. It is a right. We must call for the increase of budgets for Education for young women & environments free of sexual harassment.

Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens @bankimooncentre
Our CEO Monika Froehler supports @NalaFem and their efforts to push forward the #AfricaYoungWomenManifesto. Sign it today, it matters #GenerationEquality cannot afford to move forward without #Africa. #Act4Equal

Nala Feminist Collective @NalaFem - Jun 28
#GEFParis

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To get to listen to @aya_chebbi is an inspiring moment. So much energy and willpower, and an important message. It’s not enough to talk about equality, we really need to work for it. And we need enough funding for this work. #GEFPari #ActForEqual #GenerationEquality

Mónica de Pinto Ribeiro Hancke
@moricagaprh

I’m here - & almost exclusively - for @aya_chebbi’s energy when the moderator attempted to cut her off. Again, #youthLeaders cannot & will not be silenced in the name of arbitrary (dare I say, white supremacist?) time restrictions.

#GenerationEquality #ActForEqual

5:27 PM - Jun 30, 2021 - Twitter Web App

2 Retweets 12 Likes

Alvaro Rodriguez
@Alvaro_UNTZ

Powerful words challenging past practices that still exist in many places!!! @aya_chebbi “The patriarchal, colonial, racist system does not work for us.” #youthdeliver @Katja_Iversen #GenerationEquality #ActForequal

Katja Iversen
@Katja_Iversen

On first @aya_chebbi “The patriarchal, colonial, racist system does not work for us. We do not want to build back better we want to build forward and different.” #youthdeliver #GenerationEquality #ActForEqual

Katja Iversen
@Katja_Iversen

Do you want the live a life full of Opp and without Discrimination?

Nala Feminist Collective
@NalaFem

Proud of Burkina youth accountability ISO is @nalafram #GenerationEquality

3:29 PM - Jun 30, 2021 - Twitter for iPhone

5:28 PM - Jun 30, 2021 - Twitter for iPhone

5:26 PM - Jun 30, 2021 - Twitter for iPhone
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

As part of NalaFem’s outreach undertaken for the manifesto campaign and beyond, 38 organisations and initiatives on the Africa continent, North America and Europe were contacted.

14 stakeholders endorsed the Manifesto online

Mariya Taher, Sahiyo
“We partnered with the NalaFem by sharing and amplifying about the collecting in our social media and newsletter.”
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<td>May 26</td>
<td>“BDBA Virtual Youth Summit”</td>
<td>with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Nalafem Campaign Coordinator</td>
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<td>June 10</td>
<td>“Co-Impact Dialogue” following the consultation with Co-Impact</td>
<td>to support in the development of the gender fund with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Nalafem Campaign Coordinator</td>
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<td>May 11</td>
<td>“Youth Dialogue on Action Coalitions on Economic Justice” organised</td>
<td>by Action Coalitions with the participation of Nalafem Campaign Coordinator, Sodfa Daaji</td>
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<td>June 3</td>
<td>“Intergenerational Dialogue on Our Common Agenda” organized by UN</td>
<td>Foundation with remarks from Nala Chair, Aya Chebbi, and United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed</td>
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<td>June 18</td>
<td>“Intergenerational Dialogue Pre-GEF Paris Forum - Young Women</td>
<td>Demands at GEF: Ticking a box or taken seriously?” organised by Nalafem with remarks from Aya Chebbi, - Nala Chair, Amb. Delphine O - Secretary General of the GEF, Nafissatou Diop -Chief Gender &amp; Human Rights, UNFPA, Lopa Banerjee -UN Women Director Civil Society Division, Erin Hohlfelder - Senior Program Officer on Gender Equality at Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation, Yasmine Ourihane - Nala Council member, Tijmen Rooseboom - Ambassador for Youth, Education &amp; Work at Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affair, and, Faustina Fynn-Nyame - Executive Director for Africa of Children's Investment Fund</td>
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<td>June 26</td>
<td>Youth Dialogue” hosted by H.E. Dag Inge Ulstein</td>
<td>with remarks from Nala Chair, Aya Chebbi and Ms Henrietta Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF</td>
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<td>June 29</td>
<td>“#4DSeries Dialogue on Education and Skills Development for Demographic Dividend” organised by UNFPA</td>
<td>with remarks from Rose Wachuka, Nala Council member.</td>
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The Generation Equality Forum in Mexico, hosted by the Government of Mexico, took place from 29-31 March 2021. Nalafem participated virtually, and interacted with different stakeholders through networking rooms and the Youth Platform developed by the GEF Youth Task Force and Action Coalitions youth representatives.

**March 27**

"Pre-Generation Equality Forum Global Youth Convening" co-organized by UN Women, Youth Task Force & ActionAid with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Campaign Coordinator of Nalafem who presented the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto

**March 30**

"Fourth World Conference of Women Beijing 1995, Celebrating its Leaders" organized by UN Women with participation of Sodfa Daaji, Campaign Coordinator of Nalafem, moderated the event and presented the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 manifesto

**March 30**

Action Coalitions conveneings of 6 sessions including Gender-Based Violence, Economic Justice, Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality, Feminist Movements and Leadership, Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, with the participation of Amina Soulimani, Nalafem Social Media Manager and Sodfa Daaj, Campaign Coordinator of Nalafem
The Generation Equality Forum in Paris, hosted by the Government of France, took place from 30 June – 2 July 2021. Nala Feminist Collective has extensive engagement in in the lead up to the Paris Forum, with a prominent presence at the opening ceremony, as well as three side events, including the NalaFem official launch at the forum.

### June 30
- **Opening Ceremony** in Paris with remarks at the Opening Ceremony by Nalafem Chair Aya Chebbi joined by Melinda Gates, Prime Minister of Finland Marin Sanna and Mari Pangestu, World Bank Managing Director, on a panel on Economic Justice.

### July 1
- **Global Launch of the “Education Plus” Joint Initiative - Power Up! - Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young African Women organized by UNAIDS**, and moderated by Nalafem Chair, Aya Chebbi, joined by Winnie Nyanyima, Executive Director of UNAIDS; Anita Kouassi, youth activist; H.E. Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda, Prime Minister of Gabon and H.E. Moeketsi Majoro, Prime Minister of Lesotho.

### July 1st
- **High-Level Side Event on Africa Young Women United for the Decade of Action, organised by Nalafem**, in collaboration with Rise Up Climate Movement, There’s No Limit Foundation, Ministry of Women, Children and Youth of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology of Republic of Namibia—has marked the official launch of the Nala Council, moderated by Aya Chebbi, with the participation of Filsan Abdulahi, Emma Theophelus, and Vanessa Nakate.

### July 1
- **Feminists Speak Up! organized by GEF Youth Task Force** with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Nalafem Campaign Coordinator.

### July 2
- **#ActforEqual Event** with the participation of Nala council member Jaha Dukureh alongside with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, and H.E. Guoni Th. Johannesson, president of Iceland.

### July 2
- **Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact event**, with remarks from Council Member, Emtithal Mahmoud.
1 July 2021 marked the Official launch of Nala Feminist Collective with a High-Level Event on "Africa Young Women United for the Decade of Action", held during Generation Equality Forum in Paris, with the remarks of 4 council members.
NalaFEM efforts in collaboration with partners and youth activists succeeded to include 8 out of the 10 demands into Action coalitions and Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact which are:

- **ECONOMIC JUSTICE DEMAND**
- **CRIMINALIZE GENDER BASED VIOLENCE DEMAND**
- **END GENDER DISCRIMINATION DEMAND**
- **SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS DEMAND**
- **SILENCING THE GUNS DEMAND**
- **INTERGENERATIONAL CO-LEADERSHIP DEMAND**
- **DIGITAL JUSTICE DEMAND**
- **INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE AND QUALITY EDUCATION DEMAND**

Nalafem remains committed to work with partners and ensure that the 2 demands of Mental Health and Access to Justice are mainstreamed in the five years journey, as well as in fostering engagement to mainstream education.

Policy formulation within the WPS-HA Compact with exact reference to the demand on Intergenerational Co-Leadership.
To support the implementation of the Action Coalitions commitments at national levels, as well as engage African youth in the 5-year journey with the commitments of the international community of $40 billion, Nalafem partnered with youth organisations to convene dialogues in the communities.

The six identified African countries are currently leading the different Action Coalitions:

- **Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality**
- **Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality**
- **Gender-Based Violence**
- **Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights**
- **Economic Justice and Rights**
- **Feminist Movements and Leadership**

Youth-Led organization
34 stakeholders
13 partners
21 speakers
213 young people

Kenya
- Male: 50%
- Female: 50%
- Total: 69

South Africa
- Male: 37.5%
- Female: 62.5%
- Total: 40

Malawi
- Male: 20%
- Female: 72%
- Non-Binary: 8%
- Total: 25

Burkina Faso
- Male: 66.7%
- Female: 33.3%
- Total: 30

Tunisia
- Male: 35.7%
- Female: 64.3%
- Total: 14

Rwanda
- Male: 66.7%
- Female: 33.3%
- Total: 30
The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in Kenya was co-hosted with Positive Young Women Voices and Dandora Community Justice Centre. The Dialogue, which was supposed to be held physically, was instead conducted virtually due to the restrictions of the Government of Kenya in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Positive Young Women Voices is a community based organization which started as a self-help group in the year 2014, but later registered as a community based organization in 2017. It started when advocates noticed that young women and girls living with/ at risk of HIV within the Nairobi slums of Dandora were facing major challenges.

Dandora Community Justice Centre is a grassroots community movement which, through its programming and projects, confronts the roots and structures of oppression. The Center is committed to building strong community activism to fight oppression by forming alliances and working in coalition with other groups.

Held on Zoom, the virtual dialogue saw the participation of government representatives, civil society actors, the media and youth organizations. Interpretation from English to Swahili was offered, as well as sign interpretation to ensure inclusivity and broader accessibility.

Hon. Nadia Ahmed Abdalla, Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of ICT, Youth Affairs "NalaFEM provides a platform for young people to raise concerns and solutions to the achievement of Agenda 2030 & the implementation of the Commitments". Hon. Nadia had expressed her commitment to work with young women “to support meaningful youth engagement that leaves no one behind. The government recognizes the engagement of young people to achieve a safer and equal society.”
Mrs. Rukaya Mohammed, Deputy Country Director, UN Women Kenya “94 youth organizations were meaningfully engaged throughout the process and youth-led organizations need to advance the agenda of gender equality in their sphere of influence. Kenya has demonstrated remarkable leadership as the co-lead of the Gender-Based Violence Action Coalition, alongside other member states”

Ms. Rose Wachuka, Nala Feminist Collective Council Member & Chief of Staff to the Honourable Chief of Justice provided an overview of the Beijing Platform for Action, as well as of the Nairobi Conference. “With the pandemic, the vulnerability of women and girls has exacerbated. Access to justice is one of the most pressing issues today and a core pillar to realize gender equality. This is one of Nala’s

The panel discussion has seen the participation of:

- Dr Ademola Olajide, UNFPA Kenya Representative
- Ms Esther Aoko, Sexual and Reproductive Health Advocate
- Mrs Natalie Robi, Executive Director Msichana Empowerment Kuria
- Ms Afrikan Njuru, Advocacy and Policy Consultant, ONE East Africa Office
The outcome and recommendations of the dialogue are as follows:

- **Fund grassroot organizations working to end GBV**
- **Make space for youth engagement in the implementation and monitoring processes of Kenya’s commitments.**
- **Popularize Kenya’s commitments on local media, newspapers and translating them into local languages,**
- **Strengthen cross-border engagement to deal with the emerging trend of cross-border FGM**
- **Financing to enable access to legal resources and justice for survivors of GBV**
- **Accelerate the momentum of multi-sectoral efforts among government, development partners, young people and civil society to advance the gender agenda.**
- **Holding information sharing sessions with survivors of gender based violence**
- **Upscale existing socio-economic empowerment initiatives for women and girls**
- **Consolidate existing efforts and programs to ending GBV to avoid duplication and maximize impact**
- **Implement existing policies and laws to end GBV at national, county and grassroots levels**

**Closing Remarks** was addressed by Ms. Mita Manek, on behalf of Mrs Katrin Hagemann, **Deputy Head of Delegation, European Union to Kenya** highlighting the work of the EU to support the eradication of gender-based violence.

“Collaborating with NalaFEM was as exciting as expected. It was also eye-opening and provided a learning experience into the world of high level advocacy. Hosting the IGD in Kenya reminded me of the ability, energy and zeal that young people have to get things done in the midst of numerous challenges in order to contribute to solving one of our country’s greatest challenges.”

**POSITIVE YOUNG WOMEN VOICES - KENYA**
The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in South Africa was co-hosted with the Centre for Socio Economic Transformation in collaboration with Impact Drivers.

Welcome Remarks from Pamela Munemo, Founder and Director of Centre for Socio Economic Transformation highlighted the importance of everyone being responsible for the national implementation of the Action Coalition commitments of South Africa.

Keynote Remarks from her Worship, Mayor of Ray Nkonyeni Municipality, Nomusa Mqwebu “As a female leader, I must look after my community and make sure they get what they need. I am a mayor who wants to see young people and women growing. When women are given opportunities, they exhaust them and do great work. Women shouldn’t be afraid to take a position of power. Let’s work together as women and help our communities and youth.”

The dialogue continued with a discussion with Councillor Melanie Bruteseth in eThekwini, Councillor Tembe Mmabatho and Councillor Khosi Mdletshe. The three councillors emphasized the need to create an environment that educates women. Most women and girls are not aware of the commitments made by the government, which makes the role of women at grassroots level important to create platforms and opportunities.

The experience of hosting the NalaFem IGD in South Africa was so engaging and insightful. It also made people aware of the government’s commitment towards economic justice and rights and sparked conversations within our local municipalities. My biggest take away was that it’s not too late to turn things around and introduce women to male dominated industries. This whole process was very overwhelming and life changing. I’m excited to do more work and lives and move closer towards generation equality. I really appreciate the opportunity you afforded our organisation.

Centre for Socio Economic Transformation - South Africa
The outcome and recommendations of the dialogue are as follows:

- Develop awareness campaigns in communities on issues to fight patriarchy in all spheres.
- Economic Empowerment of women from the grassroots level by capacitating them with knowledge on business management, innovation and entrepreneurship and business sustainability.
- Creation of women start-ups that can exploit opportunities of funds that are made available by various government and NGOs.
- Having more of these intergenerational dialogues to strengthen and empower women and girls voices demanding institutionalization of fight against inequality.
- Advocate for decent quality work, gender sensitive policies and labour rights so that they are able to escape poverty and build prosperity.
- Inequality is a men’s issue as much as it is a women’s issue. Include more men into the conversation and hold dialogues with men to catalyze the movement and realization of economic justice.
- Step up the fight against sexual violence (Today 20th August Minister of Police announced that 10000 women and girls were raped between April and June 2021), address teenage pregnancy (23 000 teenage pregnancy in 1 year, some as young as 10 years old to 14 years), address girls drop out from school. Without addressing this, we will not reach the full realization of economic justice.
- Ensure that international conventions and related commitments that guarantees women economic justice like CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) are incorporated and constantly realised into the constitution and embedded in the national legal system.
- Call upon South African government to implement constitutional provisions that encourage women’s involvement in political and economic activities and ensure diversity in those activities, including in the judiciary through a stronger participation of women judges; develop policies that promote equality in these domains; and monitor implementation of the principle of gender equality.
- Development of a range of coherent longer-term programmes aimed at deeper structural change that requires reimagining progressive economic alternatives by going beyond old paradigms.
Ms. Singaliwe Chilemba, Board Member of For Equality “intergenerational dialogue is key because as each generation rises to challenge the status quo, they face a vast range of systematic challenges that they cannot face alone”

Ordina de Barca Vieira, representative of the UN Women Malawi Office “The Generation Equality Forum is the central component for building back from COVID-19 to fuel significant and lasting change for generations to come. Investment in generation equality particularly on the safety, leadership and economic opportunities for women”

Mr. Joseph Kalelo Phiri, representative of the Ministry of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare “We reiterate the government’s commitment to ensure concrete action in attaining gender equality through the Action Coalitions”

The discussion continued with interventions from:

- Tadala Chizimba, Global Advocacy Intern CARE, Feminist and Member of PEPETA
- Zilanie Gondwe, Eco Feminist and Director of the Institute of Conservation of Nature and Founder of FEMINATI
- Jessica Mandanda, Gender and Communication Specialist
- Elina Mwasinga, Gender activist
The outcomes and recommendations of the dialogue were as follows:

- Fund community radios to spotlight grassroots organizations
- Mobilize traditional leaders to understand feminism and that it benefits everyone
- Lobby for women to take up leadership positions
- Re-amplify the Africa Young Women Beijing +25 Manifesto
- Popularize commitments to ensure inclusion of non-binary and LGBTQI persons
- Technology has made information more accessible, this can help increase visibility of the movement
- Young women should be louder, bolder and disruptive
- Mentorship is key
- Commitments have to be translated and disseminated
- Embed feminism ideology into the education system

“Working and collaborating with NalaFEM was a great experience. Lots of synergies and support from the team to ensure everything went well. Hosting the dialogue was great and an important conversation that needed to be held with young women”

For Equality - Malawi
Bénédicte Bailou, coordinator of Femin-In provided a background introduction of the objectives of the NalaFEM Intergenerational Dialogue for Accountability, and presented the format of the dialogue followed by remarks from:

Mrs. Madeleine Ouedraogo, representative of the Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Family guided the participants throughout the journey of the Generation Equality Forum and the development of the commitments from Burkina Faso

Carine Zongo, Project Officer at Initiative Pananetugri pour le Bien-Être de la Femme provided an overview of the commitment through a perspective as a young woman and how relevant these commitments are to ensure the achievement of bodily autonomy for women and girls in the country

Dr. Euphrasie Barry/Adjami, Technical Secretary in charge of the demographic acceleration at the Ministry of Health highlighted the relevance of the commitments in regard to sexual education and the end of harmful practices, such as female genital mutilation.

Jeanne A. Kugblenu, M&E at Organisation pour de Nouvelles Initiative en Développement et Santé highlighted the importance of women’s rights organizations, youth movements and civil society in working closely with the government and other stakeholders to ensure the national implementation of the commitments, which entail - among others

Stevie Yameogo, Young Ambassador on SRHR highlighted the challenges that may impede the achievement of the commitments, including cultural norms, lack of youth engagement and the need to popularize the commitments to ensure bottom-up ownership

Femin-In is a feminist organisation operating in Burkina Faso, with the aim of advocating for gender equality through capacity building and empowerment of women and girls in the country.
The outcomes and recommendations of the dialogue included:

- Intégrer l’éducation à la vie familiale, y compris la gestion de l’hygiène des menstrues, dans les programmes d’enseignement, les espaces sûrs et les centres d’enseignement.
- Assurer la gratuité des soins chez les enfants de moins de 5 ans et chez les femmes enceintes.
- Redynamiser 100% des centres de santé scolaires et universitaires en rendant disponible les services de santé sexuelle et de la reproduction de qualité adaptés aux besoins des adolescent(e)s et des jeunes, le plus tôt possible.
- Renforcer de manière systématique les unités de soins intégrés dans les lieux de concentration humaine.
- Renforcer le cadre juridique en faveur de la lutte contre le mariage d’enfants.
- Promouvoir le dialogue social inclusif national sur l’abandon des violences basées sur le genre.
- Poursuivre les efforts d’allocations des ressources budgétaires au secteur de la santé en vue d’atteindre 15% conformément aux engagements internationaux d’ici à 2026.
- Rehausser l’encadrement institutionnel de la santé sexuelle et reproductive y compris la planification familiale en vue d’assurer une coordination inter et intra sectorielle efficace.
- Mettre en place un comité de suivi des engagements.
- Associer tous les acteurs et actrices de la société civile.

C’était un challenge pour mon équipe et moi, d’organiser le dialogue intergénérationnel dans un contexte marqué par le covid et l’insécurité.

Femin-In - Burkina Faso
The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in Tunisia was co-hosted with Jssor Youth Organisation.

Jssor Youth Organisation is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental organization was firstly started its voluntary work in 2005 by a group of youth who believe in the importance of the civic society organizations and their crucial role in developing the society as well as fostering the democratic process that takes place in the country now.

Yassine Fathalli, Director of Jssor Youth Organization provided the background of the dialogue and presented the structure of the NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in Tunisia followed by remarks from:

- Bochra Belhaj Hmida, Lawyer and Politician
- Wala Kacem, We Code Organization
- Feryl Charfeddine, Feminist activist and gender/non-violence expert
- Khawla Ben Aicha, Arab Parliamentarians Women Network for Equality Raedat
- Oumayma Jabnouni, Tunisian Human Rights League
- Mohamed Amine Hamdi, Coordinator of Ambassadors for Dialogue
- Jemila Ksiksi, Member of parliament and president of caucus women at the pan-African parliament

The NalaFEM Intergenerational Dialogue for Accountability in Tunisia provided an inclusive space for politicians, activists and young women to discuss the increasing role of women in Tunisia in leadership positions, including women’s rights in the digital space while ensuring their protection from cyber harassment and gender-based violence on social media platforms etc.

The outcomes and recommendations of the dialogue are as follows:

- Taking action against cyber harassment through updating Tunisia’s telecommunications code adopted in 2001
- Encouraging victims of cyber harassment to report to legal authorities
- Creating a protection system for victims of cyber harassment
- Raising awareness on cyber harassment among youth
- Including advanced training on technology and innovation in the educational system
- Enabling access for rural women to training on digital economy
- Advocating for the need to design an advanced infrastructure for technology, including rural areas
- Encouraging women-led businesses to engage in the digital economy
- Enabling rural areas the access to digital services
- Including training on digital economy in the early stages of education

“We have been very lucky to have collaborated with NalaFem to organize the Intergenerational Dialogue in Tunisia. Although the time was very short to organize and coordinate for the event, we have received great support from NalaFem team who showed high professionalism in work and serious commitment in dealing with unexpected events. Being the host for the Intergenerational Dialogue in Tunisia, Jssor Youth Organization had the opportunity to help create a dynamic space for youth-led organizations and decision-makers to come together to discuss Tunisian women’s digital reality. We hope we can be part of advocating for the implementation of recommendations resulting from the Intergenerational Dialogue.”

Jssor Youth Organisation - Tunisia
The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in Rwanda was co-hosted with Saye Company.

Mina Umuhoza, founder of SAYE Company provided a background of NalaFEM Intergenerational Dialogue for Accountability and presented the format of the dialogue followed by remarks by:

- Mr. Piette Celestin Nizeyimana, representative of the Minister of Gender and Family Promotion of Rwanda
- Amanda Akariza, First runner up of Miss Rwanda 2021
- Gaelle Igisubizo, CEO of Dopeapps
- Jean Makara, Business and people development consultant
- Elizabeth Ujeneza, Gender digital inclusion activist

What emerged is that young people are still not aware of the commitments made by Rwanda, and as such it has to be fostered for dissemination to ensure their full awareness and contribution to the national implementation of the commitments. Similarly, the vital role of young women was highlighted and, in order to attain this, funding has to be allocated to ensure training and resources for youth organizations to lead the work and support the implementation of the commitments. Recognizing how vital the digital revolution has been, it is also important to equip young women with tools to report and be aware of the harms they may experience in digital spaces. Rwanda, being part of East Africa Community can support state parties to achieve gender agenda by:
Raising awareness about the Action Coalitions Commitments of Rwanda, including wider dissemination of the commitments

Funding to youth and young women's organizations to support the implementation of the Commitments

Addressing cyber harassment and support the victims, including encouraging them to report to legal authorities

Increase funding to ensure access of young women to STEM and digital opportunities;

Ensure these commitments are included and mainstreamed within the East African Community

Increase training on digital skills and opportunities for young women

“We were extremely excited to have been selected to co-host intergenerational dialogue for accountability in Rwanda with Nalafem. We had full support from Nalafem in terms of quick transfer of funds to organize, technical support in terms of branding materials, sending invitations to key speakers of the day on time etc. We are happy that the people who attended this dialogue walked away with an understanding of Nalafem and its contribution to social and economic empowerment of women in all sectors”

Saye Company - Rwanda
Digital platforms must be designed to protect women from sexual and gender-based violence. It is also vital that these platforms are effectively employed to advocate, promote and create awareness for generation equality.

Distributing digital tools to women is not enough, because due to unpaid work that women are busy doing the digital tools distributed to them are ended up being used by other members of their families such as husband and their children, this is a good indicator that this transformation requires joint force to enable women to be part of this change.

By empowering women, there is a need for women to know their rights and for men to recognize those rights.

There is the need to create networks of female tech leaders who are willing to mentor and motivate young women interested in the tech sector.

For us to achieve generation equality, we need men as stakeholders. They have to be invited to the conversations and be involved in designing the solutions.

Cultural norms should be challenged to accommodate the generation of women that we want to rise and raise the bar higher.

Equal pay, as a key point of gender equality advocacy, should be a call to action to empower women in technology with negotiation skills.

Government and civil society must come up with solutions that bridge the gap between women who graduate from high school STEM and those who graduate university with STEM degrees.

Women should be educated and motivated to go for Science and technology courses with the mindset of acquiring knowledge that will enable them to create innovations that work for their fellow women and the community at large.

Women should be positioned to maximise the advances technology has to offer. The technology scope should not be confused with just social media presence.
Youth Engagement

In collaboration with youth organizations, NalaFem influenced the Generation Equality Forum and Action Coalitions processes, as well as the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact outcomes, while providing strategic and technical support to the African members of the GEF Task Force.

**Series of 6 GEF Weekly Webinars**

- 19 youth speakers
- 5 youth partners
- 54 engaged youth organizations
- 1580 signatures from the offline campaign
- 17,783 cumulative views of live webinars

"Best experience with a great panel that were in sync with each other! Enjoyed the planning, preparation and the rich discussion we had, great spaces you are creating Nala Feminists”

Chikondi Chabvuta
Les Jeunes Femmes D’Afrique s’unissent: Quelles sont les 10 revendications du manifeste?

Speakers: Aissata Camara & Sylvain Obedi

Speaker: Maha Jouini: Amazigh and pan-African activist (Arabic Webinar)
“It was a great experience with Nala because the event was held in Arabic. So a lot of my fellow north Africans were involved and they knew much better about the manifesto”

Generation Equality cannot move forward without Africa: A Manifesto’s 10 Demands

Speakers: Lusungu Kalanga: African Activist & Joy Mwambire

Art, Culture and Heritage in contribution to the Africa We Want

Speaker: Kwiz Era, Painter and Illustrator

A conversation on the Removal of the Taxation of menstrual hygiene products in Africa

Speakers: Ruth Meriki & Peeters Fongeh

Mental Health Financing in Africa is Our Demand


Equitable Access to Land and Ownership for Young Women in Africa

Speakers Elsie Masava (Gender Equality Advocate), Chikondi Chabvuta (CARE Regional Advocacy Advisor) & Wadzanai Manyore (Producer of Agribusiness ZBC TV Series)
Youth Endorsements of Manifesto from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Namibia, Zimbabwe, The Gambia, Comoros, Kenya, Cameroon, Malawi, Chad, Rwanda, Egypt, and Liberia

- Sylvain Obedi - Beijing+25 Youth Task Force
- Ndahafa Hapulile - SWAPO Party Youth League and an Assistant to the Minister of Information and Communication Technology of the Republic of Namibia
- Anika Dorothy Jane - Beijing+25 Youth Task Force
- Ronald Tatenda - Southern Africa Youth Forum
- Ngennar Yassin Jeng - Equality Now the Gambia
- Armel Azhar - Global Partnership for Education
- Joseph Fambove - Africa-Asia Youth Foundation
- Elizabeth Chatuwa - District Youth Commissioner for the Malawi Girl Guides Association
- Evelyne BALUMBI - Conseil National de Prud’homie de filles en RDC
- Hiroua Goare Bienvenu - International Human Rights Commission, Chad
- Lilian Mayombo - Student at McMaster University, Rwanda
- John Nuor Chul - Action for Conflicts Resolution ACR, South Sudan
- Yasmeen Mahmoud Mohamed kamal - Instructor of Swahili, Egypt
- Btidget Oscar Phiri - Young Feminist Network and Actionaid Malawi
- Francis Keletee Pedro - Global Youth for Clean Water and Sanitation, Liberia
The Post-GEF Youth Forum was amazing, we got to network, connect and engage with people from other countries, even of countries that had not make the commitments and encouraged each other to write to the government to commit”

Participant

Building on the outcomes of the 6 Intergenerational Dialogues, NalaFEM hosted a 3 day “Post-GEF Youth Forum” starting on 12 August 2021 (International Youth Day), around the calling theme of “Exploring challenges and solutions for the implementation and accountability of the Action Coalition commitments”.

The aim of this forum was to further support youth-led accountability and ownership of the GEF process by amplifying the work and impact of activists bridging their experience to Africa and the global stage to share lessons and gaps. The forum was designed as an informal space where youth and youth-led organizations from the 6 Action Coalition countries were able to share the outcomes of the dialogues. The three day forum focused on Connection, Dreaming and Building.

The forum was opened with an intergenerational conversation between Ms. Bience Gawanas, Lawyer and Former UN Special Adviser on Africa; Ms. Sara Faivre, Action Coalitions Programme Manager and Ms. Anika Janes Dorothy - Member of the Generation Equality Youth Task Force. The conversation centered around the partnership and co-leadership needed between generations to achieve the commitment set out by the GEF Process.

Ms. Bience Gawanas rounded the conversation by connecting the GEF process with the struggle against colonialism and early campaigns for gender equality. She reminded the youth of the importance of working together across borders and continents. She further brought the demand for equality to the personal level, asserting that it is also a personal journey and struggle to realize and live with the realization that “no one can control your mind, your heart, and also your body”.

What are you witnessing?

Representatives from youth organizations that were part of the 6 IGDs were then invited to share their own stories as to ‘what they are witnessing’ in the contexts that they are in and to speak to the 6 Action Coalition commitments. They shared their challenges and successes, and exclaimed that:
Eradicating gender based violence can not happen unless there is efficient and effective access to justice
Information on where to get support needs to be widely available
There needs to be resourcing and political will to recognize that violence against women and girls is a pandemic
There needs to be knowledge, policy and implementation of reproductive and sexual health rights

Appreciative Inquiry: What is the world calling for?

The second day of the forum took the participants through two hours of an ‘appreciative inquiry’ session where they were invited to explore what - in their contexts - they are noticing from the ‘world’ calling for with the Action Coalition commitments. Participants were moved into smaller break-out rooms with the ability to move between rooms. This enabled them to have deeper conversations.

The last day and last two hours of the Post GEF Youth Forum focused on building and the calling question “What is needed for youth led accountability?”

The participants were taken through a virtual world cafe where they were invited to move freely between rooms that were set up as per the 6 Action Coalition commitments. See below:

The participants in the forum viewed the 6 Action Coalition commitments as intersectional issues which should be addressed holistically by governments and stakeholders.

Accordingly, they highlighted the following key recommendations:

- Implement and monitor policies and pathways that enable young women to be involved in political institutions
- Expand training programs in feminist leadership to vulnerable populations such as refugees, informal settlements & disabled populations
- Create partnerships between civil society and informal youth organizations
- Popularize the inclusion and protection of non-binary and LGBTQI persons
- Monitor and mobilize against laws and policies that infringe SRHR and bodily autonomy
- Create spaces for dialogue between women to create needs-based actions projects
- Promote digital initiatives that provide information and ways of reporting the different facets of gender inequality
- Promote the protection of women in digital spaces through legislation of laws that criminalize the abuse of women on digital platforms
- Invest in different forms of media to raise awareness on GBV
Nala Feminist Collective launched the first Fireaway Series with Council Members on 21 July 2021. The Fireaway series was designed to leverage on the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto’s 10 demands and provide an engaging platform led by the Nala Council. The platform broke the institutional language barriers to understanding where the manifesto stands within the framework of the generation equality forums, as well as overall engagement of young women within the Decade of Action.

- Fireaway chat with Yassmin Ouirhrane
- Fireaway chat with Hajer Sharief
- Fireaway chat with Martine Kessy Ekomo-Soignet
- Fireaway chat with Bogolo Kenewendo
- Fireaway chat with Rosebell Kagumire
- Fireaway chat with Vanessa Nakate
MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

NalaFem produced and published across an array of platforms and publications with the aim of informing and educating people on the Manifesto’s 10 demands, and to empower young women to speak around the issues and solutions which the Manifesto brings to the fore. Much media engagement was conducted in collaboration with the Nala Council members who are bold and acclaimed within the global community.

Op-Eds in media outlets and with partners were published, a press conference and interviews were conducted to inform young Africans on the Generation Equality Forum and the Action Coalitions processes.

NALAFEM SPECIAL FEATURES & OP-EDS

- **Africa Report**: *We need to stop talking about gender equality and start funding it instead*
- Global Citizen - *How Will This Pan-African Feminist Collective Empower African Women?*
- Ms. Magazine: *Generation Equality: Equal Leadership and Equitable Funding?*
- Brut - *Nous devons changer le système, car le système actuel ne fonctionne pas pour nous.*
- New Canaan Advertiser - *Young African Feminists Demand Action From World Leaders*
- West Africa Democracy Radio - *Young feminists demand action ahead of UN equality summit*
- CNBC Africa - *Bridge the Gender Gap between people & government*
- Relief Web - *Heads of State, leaders and activists take bold action to accelerate gender equality and address the consequences of Covid-19 for women and girls*
- Global Perspectives - *African Young Women’s Demands for Inclusiveness and Gender Equality*
- Missing Perspectives - *The power of youth-led movements*
- Bundeskanzleramt: *Gleichstellung zwischen Frauen und Männern ist ein Grundwert, der nicht verhandelbar ist*
- Equilibrium by Gucci - *Identifying as a young Feminist in Africa: Feminist Organizing in the South*
- Nation Africa - *Let’s rally behind women for a gender-equal world*
- Policy Center - *Forum Génération Égalité : Emmanuel Macron veut faire de la France le pays leader des droits des femmes*
- Sayiho: *Introducing Nala Feminist Collective: African Women and The 10 Demands, including ending female genital cutting*
- UN Women - *10 Critical demands to unleash Young African Women’s creativity*
- GUCCI Equilibrium

The Nala Feminist Collective was featured on 5 newsletters, namely; the Gates Foundation’s Goalkeepers newsletter, Youth Hub Africa, Afrika Youth Movement, UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme End Child Marriage, Global Perspectives Initiatives, Banki-Moon Centre for Global Citizens & Kofi Annan Foundation.
PODCASTS/ RADIO/ AUDIO

- Radical Futures Now: Youth Organizing and Pan-African Philosophies with Aya Chebbi
- Western Africa Radio Interview
- Western Africa Radio Young feminists demand action ahead of UN equality summit
- Clubhouse - Let’s Talk Female Warriors with Freedom Fighter Bience Gawanas

PUBLICATIONS


Chapter 1

The Struggle Continues: Pan-African Youth Led Feminist Activism for Gender Equality

Sodfa Daaji; Syeda Re’em Hussain; Rahel Weldeab Sebhatu

Introduction

Young Africans are reminded of the long and radical history of Pan-African gender equality activism on the continent when they reflect on the ‘Beijing Process’. The Beijing Process consists of the 1975 International Women’s Conference in Mexico City, the 1980 World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women in Copenhagen, and the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the UN Decade for Women in Nairobi; which culminated in the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
On 23 June 2021, Nalafem organised a press conference with the support of Baobab Consulting, attended by 7 council members: Aya Chebbi, Zozibini Tunzi, Vanessa Nakate, Emma Theophelus, Emtithal Mahmood, Rosebell Kagumire and Oluwaseun Ayodeji Osowobi.

"Nala is the Lioness, the Queen, "the GIFT" in Kiswahili. In many cultures, it has powerful meanings that these 17 women forming Nala Council, embody every day when they serve and lead" - Aya Chebbi, NalaFEM Chair

"I am so proud to be part of the Nala Feminist Collective. It matters. I’m championing demand n.2 of the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto addressing gender-based violence. We’re calling for perpetrators to be held accountable by world leaders and families" - Zozibini Tunzi, Miss Universe 2019

"Access to justice and protection has to be for all women in all their diversities. We need to take up" - Rosebell Kagumire, Feminist Writer and Advocate

"Mental health and wellbeing need to be prioritized. I am happy to join Nala Feminist Collective and bring my expertise to the collective and push for the implementation of Africa Young Women’s Manifesto" - Oluwaseun Ayodeji Osowobi, Founder of Stand to End Rape

"We say no more empty summits. We demand intergenerational co-leadership. Enough is enough." - Vanessa Nakate, Climate Justice Advocate

"Healthier, more educated and empowered girls mean healthier societies. When you invest in women, they invest back in their communities" - Emtithal Mahmoud, Poet and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

"If Africa doesn’t move forward, the world cannot move forward" - Hon Emma Theophelus, Deputy Minister of Communication, Information and Technology of the Republic of Namibia
On 17 and 18 June 2021, Nala Feminist Collective organised two Council briefs to provide a platform for Council members to get to know each other and prepare for the Press Conference and Nalafem engagement in the Paris forum.

“The Nala Feminist Collective commits to Foster, Enable and Mobilize Africa Young Women towards the implementation of Action Coalitions Commitments in Africa, centring young people expertise and youth-led accountability, through the following actions:

- Foster policy change at national and regional levels in line with the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto demands

- Enable Africa Young Women capacities for advocacy through Africa Young Women Fellowships, addressing the thematic areas of Action Coalitions, amplifying their voices at the highest level of decision making and opening the intergovernmental space to listen to grassroots voices

- Mobilize Africa Young Women for Intergenerational Co-Leadership to occupy leadership positions and spaces through organising Intergenerational Dialogues in 55 African countries based on youth and elders collaboration and learning to accelerate change
WAY FORWARD

Our cooperation with the African member states and their institutions will be strengthened in 2022. We will grow our youth-led accountability movement through strengthened partnerships and collaborations. We are open to work with partners and funders on the below four priority projects:

Accountability
Our priority remains the 5 year plan of African member states to be held accountable to their commitments in Generation Equality forums and we plan to develop the largest youth-led digital accountability platform.

Documentary
We are committed to amplify the voices of young African women through partnerships with the creatives and festivals.

Council Advocacy
We plan to strengthen our council advocacy by hosting an annual meeting of the 17 council members to provide strategic direction to Nala as well as support joint country missions to advance advocacy across the continent.

Empowerment
We plan to host trainings and fellowships for young women of Nala large and growing network as well as continue to convene high level intergenerational spaces and grassroots youth forums.
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