



# 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.

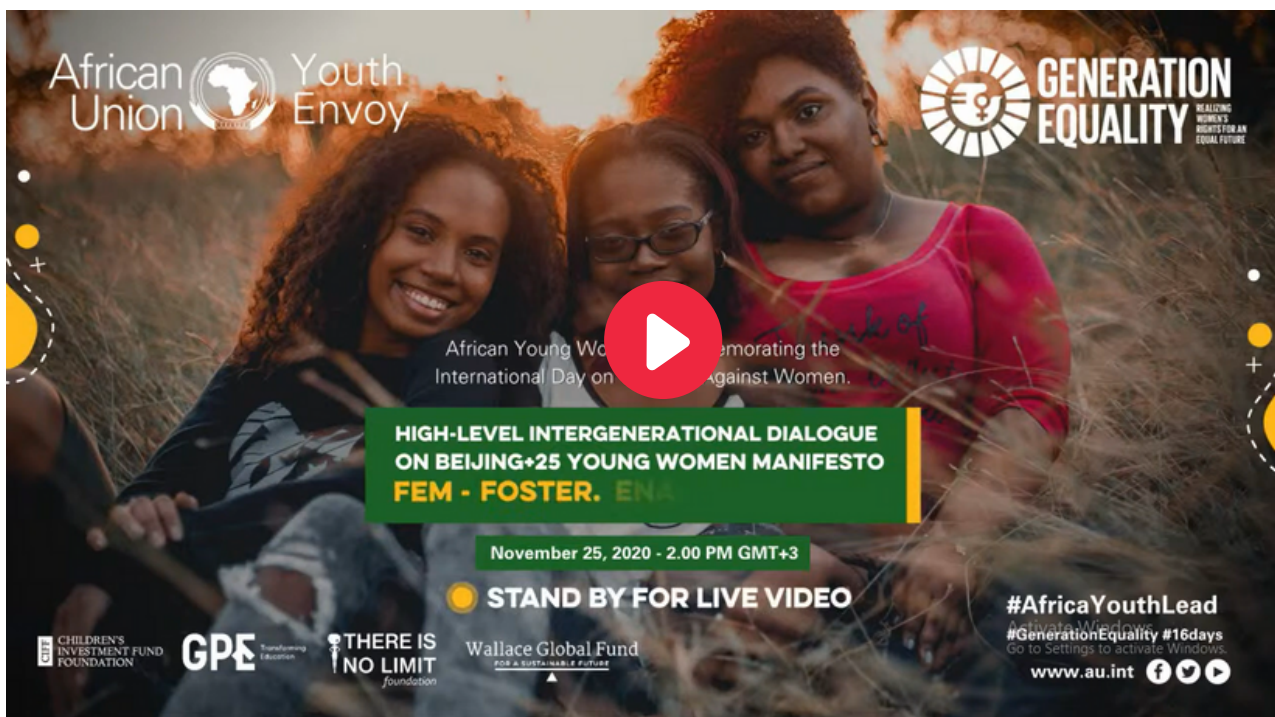


## THE JOURNEY OF NALA FEMINIST COLLECTIVE

### 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-Ngucka (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



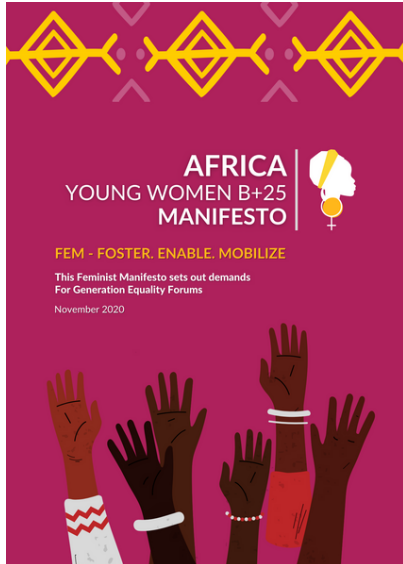
## ABOUT AFRICA YOUNG WOMEN BEIJING +25 MANIFESTO

Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto is a ground-breaking 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.**



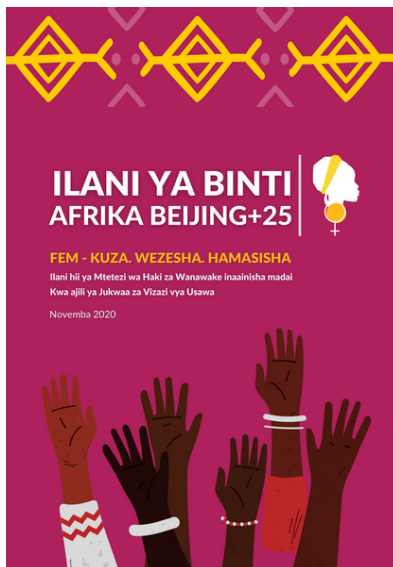
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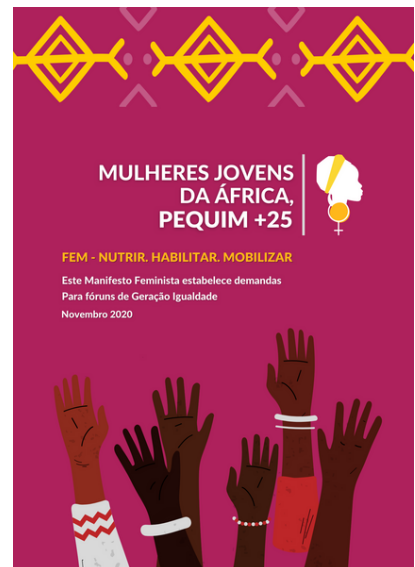
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↓ Portuguese



## STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

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.

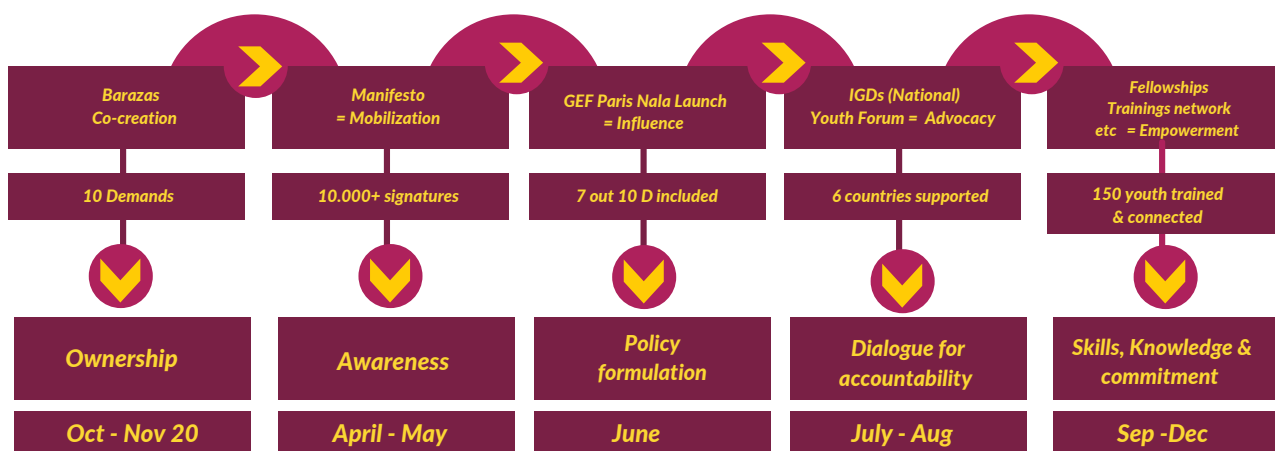
### The objectives of the Retreat were:

- 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

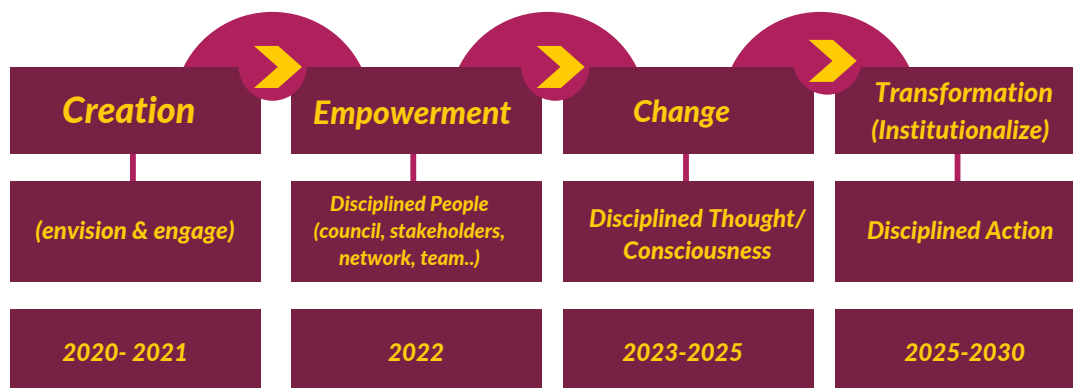
The outcomes of the Retreat provided the roadmap for the work of the Nala Feminist Collective from March to July 2021, and was documented in the [Strategic Planning Retreat Report](#)



## Nala Trajectory



## Nala Cycle for Transformation 2020-2030



## 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  
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Creator of FGM Economics  
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UNHCR  
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Together We Build It  
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Writer  
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Advocate and Founder  
We Belong Europe  
Morocco-Italy



**Zozibini Tunzi**  
Miss Universe 2019  
Miss Universe  
South Africa

**Council bios**

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## NALA SECRETARIAT

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



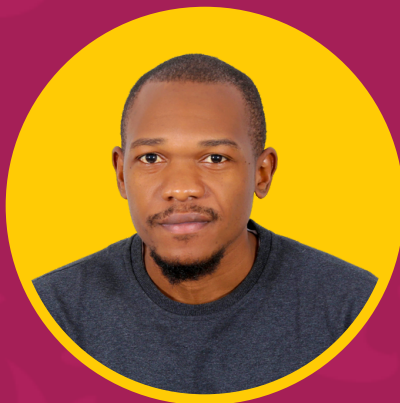
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**Nathan Malilwe**  
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**Anita Graham**  
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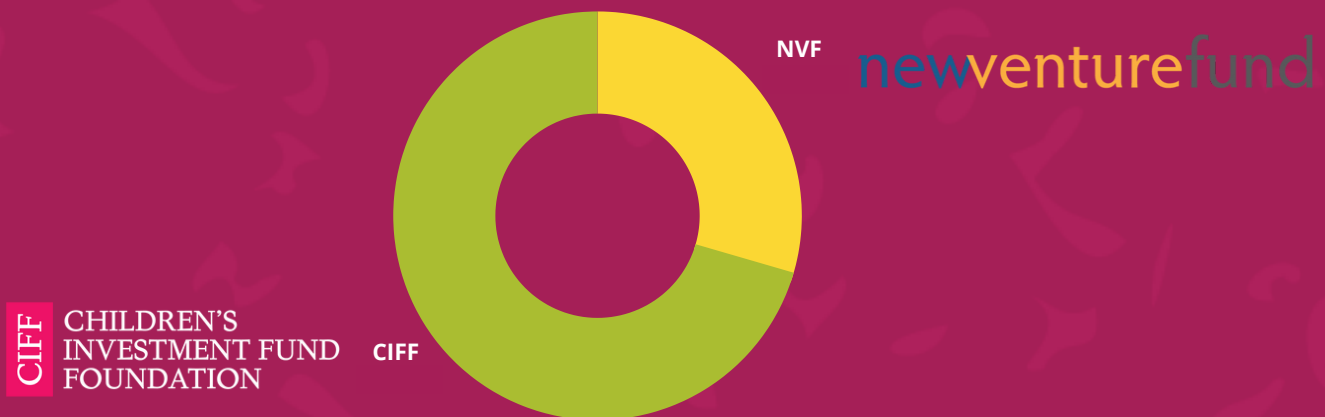
## BUDGET

**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



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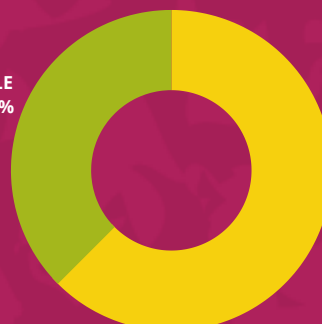
permanent staff of  
diverse group of  
young Africans hired



**11**

young people  
solicited for  
consultancies

MALE  
37.5%



FEMALE  
62.5%

# 10,000 SIGNATURES CAMPAIGN

## Nala Milestones

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.

## 105 countries

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

OFFLINE	DRC	Sierra Leone	South Sudan Refugee Camp	Tanzania	Total
	490	496	113	486	1,580



Cumulative  
**10,360**

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

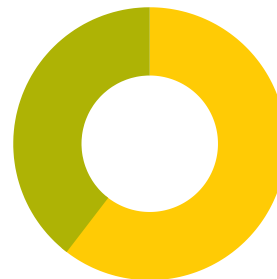
## ONLINE CAMPAIGN



**8780** signatures



19.7% people aged 18-24.  
39.6%



people aged between 25-30  
60.4%

## over 105+ countries

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.**

Do you care about the women in your life?

Sign For African Women

Do you want African Women to live a life full of Opportunity and without Discrimination? You can do this in less than 30 Seconds

We will use this information to register your signature and support.

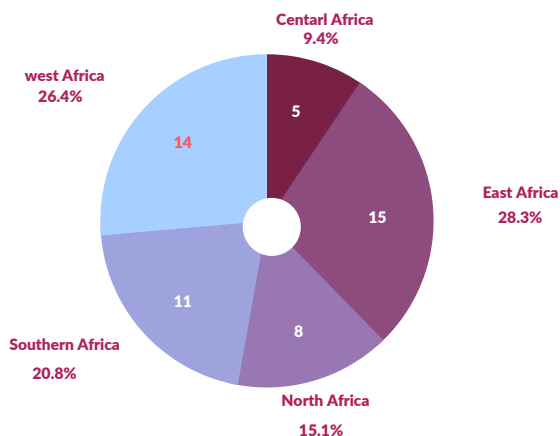
Email

Gender

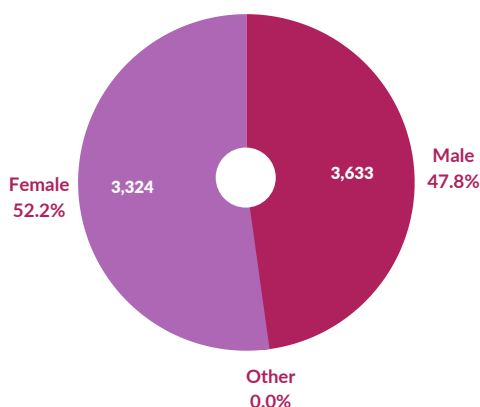
Country



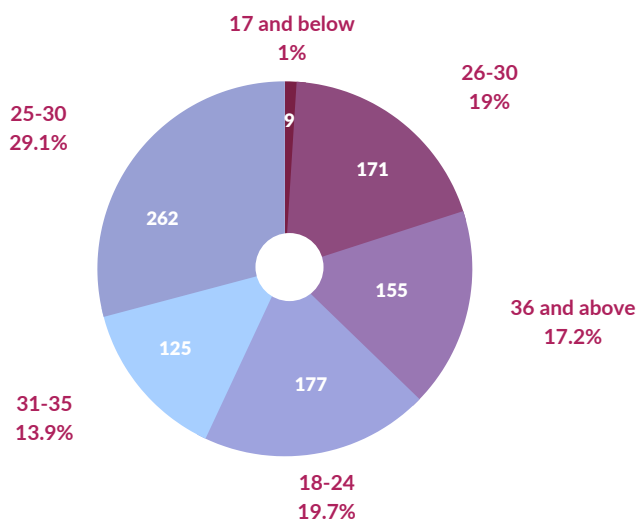
### Countries Engaged in African Region



### Online Gender From 6957 Submissions



### Age Range from 900 Submissions



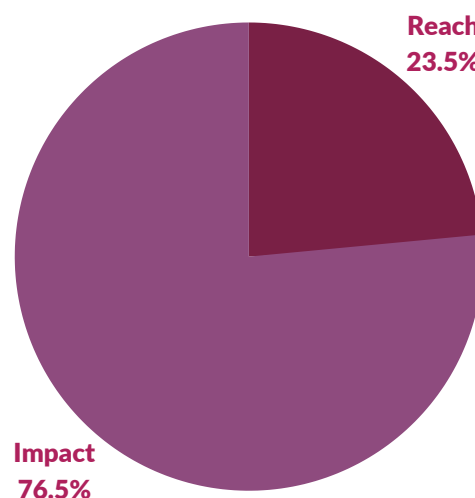
NalaFem's digital presence comprises the website, social media channels, and other services that enable Nalafem reach and engage with its emerging audience. From the onset, NalaFem's goal was to develop generic interest and also deliberately reach the desired NalaFem demography of interest. The following table represents an audience growth snapshot.

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

Source	Reach	Engagement	Impressions
		6,656	29,992
	4.8M	500K	10.2M
	282k	800	1.4M
	769K	14.2K	744.5K

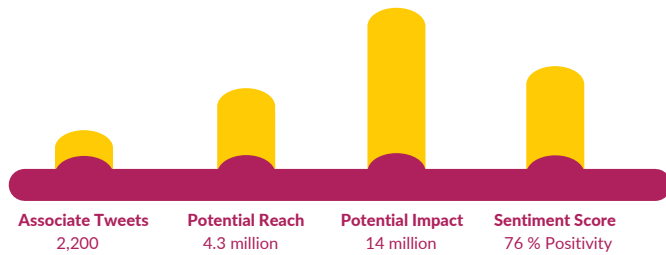
### #Nalafem Hashtag

Through the social media strategy of the campaign, #NalaFem hashtag included all its postings on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook

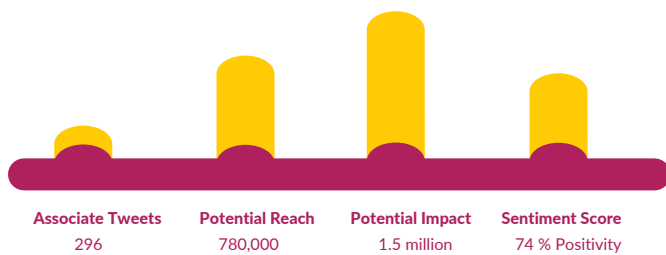


780K reached during GEF Paris Period (30 June - 2 July 2021) using #Nalafem

### Full Campaign Period – 9 April - 2 July 2021



### GEF Paris Period: 30 June – 2 July 2021



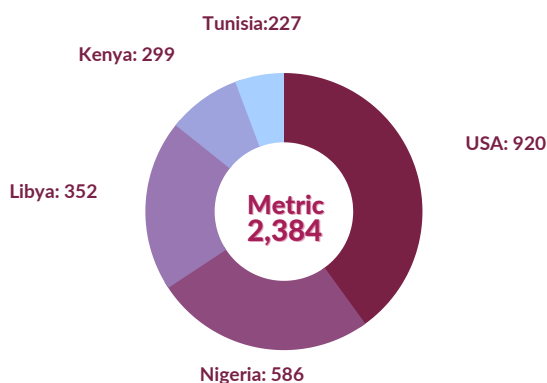
## NALAFEM.ORG

Most viewed page -Manifesto Page -**3,600 Visitors**

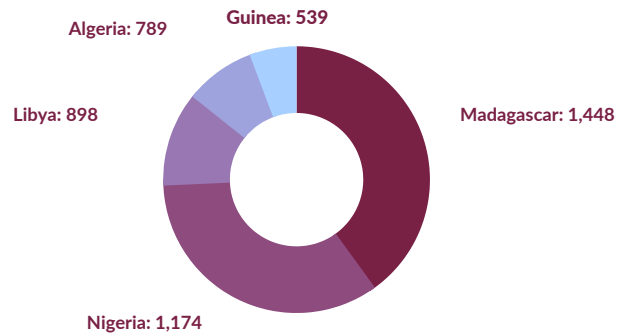


**17,783** views for all live-streamed lives webinars on Facebook

### Top 5 Countries



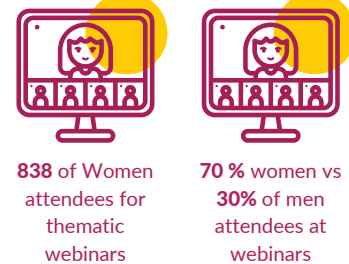
### Top 5 most engaged countries on Facebook



### Virtual Engagements on Zoom

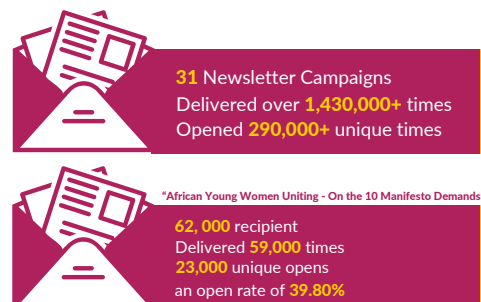
Due to the continued effects and constraints of the COVID-19 in 2021, all of Nalafem's people engagements were conducted virtually. The Zoom video conferencing platform was the default preference for meetings, webinars and other virtual activities due to its popularity and familiarity across the African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

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



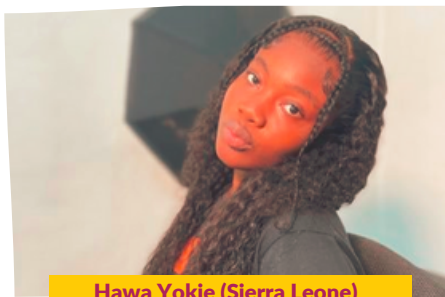
### Newsletters

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



## 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



Hawa Yokie (Sierra Leone)



Abel Koka (Tanzania)

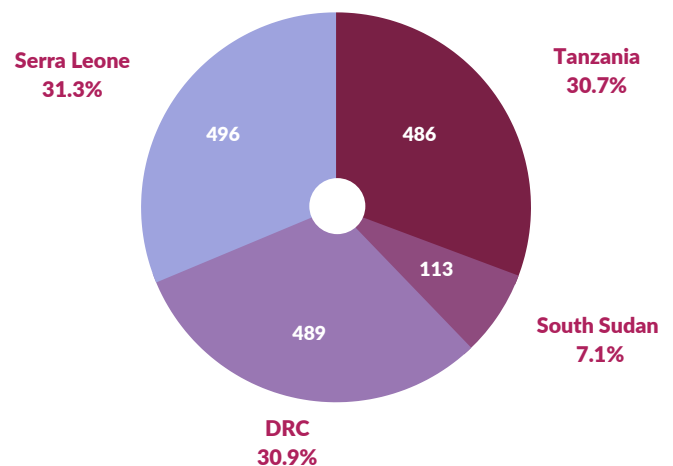


Sylvain Obedi (the Democratic Republic of Congo)



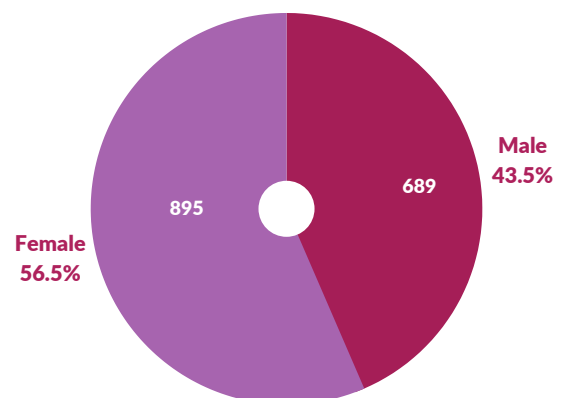
Data Robert Festo (in a refugee settlement in Uganda for South Sudanese)

### Offline Signatures By Country

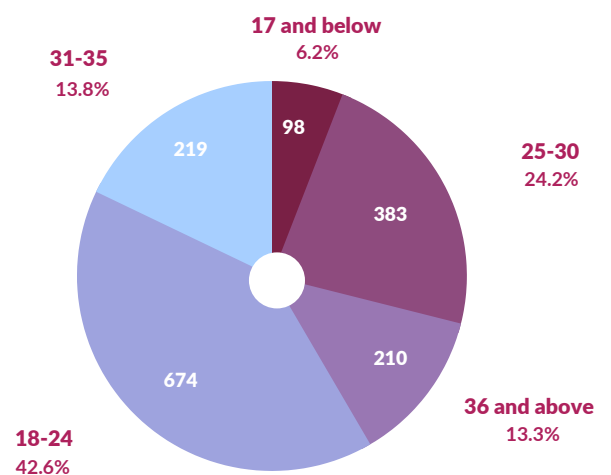


Total of **1,580** signatures

### Offline Signatures By Gender



### Offline Signatures By Age Range





## 496 signatures



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.



Hawa Yokie presenting the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto during the townhall organized in the surroundings of Freetown. - June 4, 2021]

*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.*

## 486 signatures



Abel Koka, from the Generation Equality Youth Task Force, engaged Samwel Maphie from Manyara, a small city located two hours from the region of Arusha, to bring young people of this small town closer to the Generation Equality Forum, while disseminating and presenting the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto. Abel and Samwel provided training of volunteers to understand the Manifesto and GEF and managed door to door engagement for community sensitization

### Challenges

- Reluctancy of young women in providing their phone number
- Men's interference and disruption of the engagement, claiming that the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto is an "anti-men" document
- Sometimes volunteers were forced to interrupt their engagement for fear of repercussions

## 490 signatures



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*

## 113 signatures



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

*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 over 500 South Sudanese women in Refugee settlement*



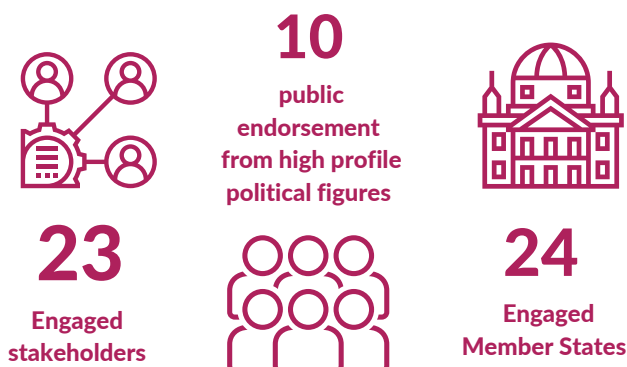
Town hall organized by Refugee Active Peace Building Initiative in Rhino Camp Refugee, presenting the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto - June 11, 2021

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

### ● ADVOCACY

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 



**Martha Muhwezi**  
Executive director of FAWE



**Monika Froehler** CEO of Ban Ki-Moon Centre for Global Citizens



**Agnieszka Fal Dutra** - Director of Programs at the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders



**Dag-Inge Ulstein** - Minister of International Development of Norway



**Kate Hampton** - Executive Director of The Children's Investment Fund Foundation



**Bineta Diop** - Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security to the African Union



**Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** - Executive Director of UN Women



**Lopa Banerjee** - Director of Civil Society Division, UN Women



**Delphine O** - Ambassador at Large of Generation Equality Forum



**Mrs Jeannette Kagame**  
First Lady of Rwanda

**Kavita N Ramdas (she/her/Ms)**  
@kramdas

A strong articulate PanAfrican Feminist @aya\_chebbi speaks out and calls out current systems, including #VaccineInequality and #Racist treatment that prevented so many young feminists from being able to come to Europe to attend #GenerationEquality ♀ in Paris.

NGO CSW/NY @NGO\_CSW\_NY · Jun 30

@aya\_chebbi demanding to have her voice heard as civil society! 🙌🙌

#GiveFeministsTheMic #GenerationEquality ♀



**Kate Hampton** @katehamptongray · Jun 30

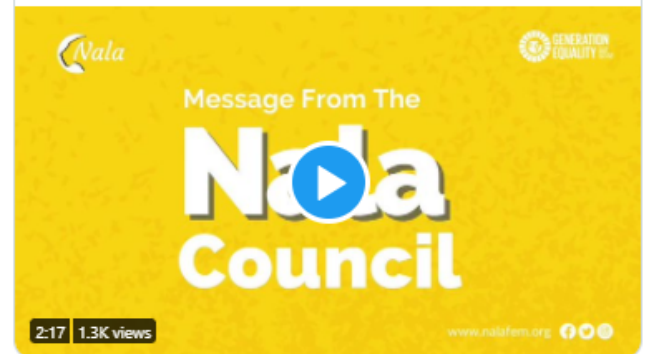
This sums it all up brilliantly and beautifully. Women everywhere in all their diversity can relate and act in solidarity. #GenerationEquality ♀ @\_Nalafem

**Nala Feminist Collective** @\_Nalafem · Jun 24

Meet Nala Council 🌍

17 Pan-African Feminists came together to advocate for #GenerationEquality ♀ to be inclusive of Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto demands — @GenEgaliteFR cannot afford to move forward without Africa

#GenerationEquality ♀ #ActForEqual #Nalafem #TimeToAct



1 1 11 Tip

**Dag Inge Ulstein** ✓  
@dagiulstein

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.



**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

[nalafem.org/manifesto/](https://nalafem.org/manifesto/)

**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.

@MonikaFroehler — @bankimooncentre

Sign the Manifesto 📄 [bit.ly/ManifestoSign-...](https://bit.ly/ManifestoSign-...)

#GenerationEquality ♀ #GEFParis







**Making Waves** @MakingWavesNet · Sep 2

New blog: Why young people and communities are key to fostering accountability for Kenya's commitments to end #GBV. [bit.ly/3t9GTxw](https://bit.ly/3t9GTxw)  
@GirlsWomenPower @MugoAngelah @LucyWanjikuN @esther\_aoko @\_Nalafem @aya\_chebbi #GenerationEquality ♀ #GBV #VAWG #HIV #SRHR



Intergenerational Co-Leadership: Why young peop...  
Anne Mugo, Positive Young Women Voices, Kenya  
When Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta started ...  
makingwaves.network

2 Retweets 3 Likes Tip



**Pirita Ruokonen** @piritaruo

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. #GEFParis #ActForEqual #GenerationEquality ♀

5:26 PM · Jun 30, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

2 Retweets 2 Likes

Tip



**Mónica de Pinto Ribeiro Hancke** @monicadprh

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 supremacism?) time restrictions.

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

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Tip



**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 · Jun 30

On fire! @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



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**Kofi Annan Foundation** @KofiAnnanFdn · Jun 9

The Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto sets out critical issues of concern for young women of #Africa and makes demands for addressing them.

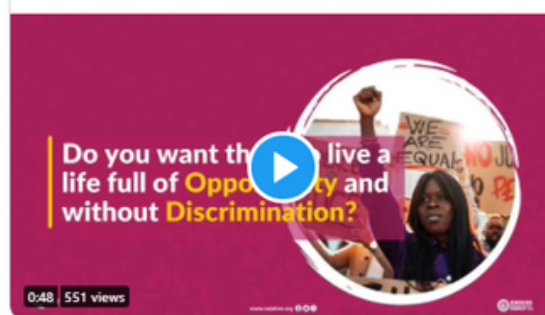
The Kofi Annan Foundation endorses the @\_Nalafem manifesto that sets the demands for Generation Equality Forums.  
#GenerationEquality ♀

**Nala Feminist Collective** @\_Nalafem · May 24

Take only one action 🙌🙌🙌

Sign [bit.ly/ManifestoSign](https://bit.ly/ManifestoSign)...

Ensuring a better future for the girls and women in your community is possible 🌍🌍  
#Nalafem #GenerationEquality ♀



**Aya Chebbi** @aya\_chebbi · Aug 28  
Proud of Burkina youth, accountability IGD is ✅. #nalafem  
#GenerationEquality ♀

**Nala Feminist Collective** @\_Nalafem · Aug 27

Lors de l'IGD de Nalafem Burkina Faso co-organisé avec Femin-in, des jeunes femmes ont fait des recommandations vitales pour la mise en œuvre des engagements de la coalition d'action et nous sommes ravis d'avoir fourni cette plate-forme.

#Nalafem  
#GenerationEquality ♀  
#ActForEqual



14 Likes Tip

## 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**



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Mariya Taher, Sahiyo  
“We partnered with the Nalafem by sharing and amplifying about the collecting in our social media and newsletter”

## INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUES & YOUTH FORUMS

- April  
8**

**"Africa NGO/Youth Consultation" organised by UN Women** with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Nalafem Campaign Coordinator
- May  
26**


**"BDBA Virtual Youth Summit"** with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Nalafem Campaign Coordinator
- June  
10**

**"Co-Impact Dialogue"** following the consultation with Co-Impact to support in the development of the gender fund with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Nalafem Campaign Coordinator
- May  
11**

**"Youth Dialogue on Action Coalitions on Economic Justice" organised by Action Coalitions** with the participation of Nalafem Campaign Coordinator, Sodfa Daaji
- June  
3**

**"Intergenerational Dialogue on Our Common Agenda" organized by UN Foundation** with remarks from Nala Chair, Aya Chebbi, and United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed
- June  
18**

**"Intergenerational Dialogue Pre-GEF Paris Forum - Young Women 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 & Human Rights, UNFPA, Lopa Banerjee -UN Women Director Civil Society Division, Erin Hohlfelder - Senior Program Officer on Gender Equality at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Yasmine Ouirhane - Nala Council member, Tijmen Rooseboom - Ambassador for Youth, Education & Work at Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and, Faustina Fynn-Nyame - Executive Director for Africa of Children's Investment Fund


- June  
26**

**Youth Dialogue" hosted by H.E. Dag Inge Ulstein,** with remarks from Nala Chair, Aya Chebbi and Ms Henrietta Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF
- June  
29**

**" #4DSeries Dialogue on Education and Skills Development for Demographic Dividend" organized by UNFPA** with remarks from Rose Wachuka, Nala Council member.



## GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM IN MEXICO

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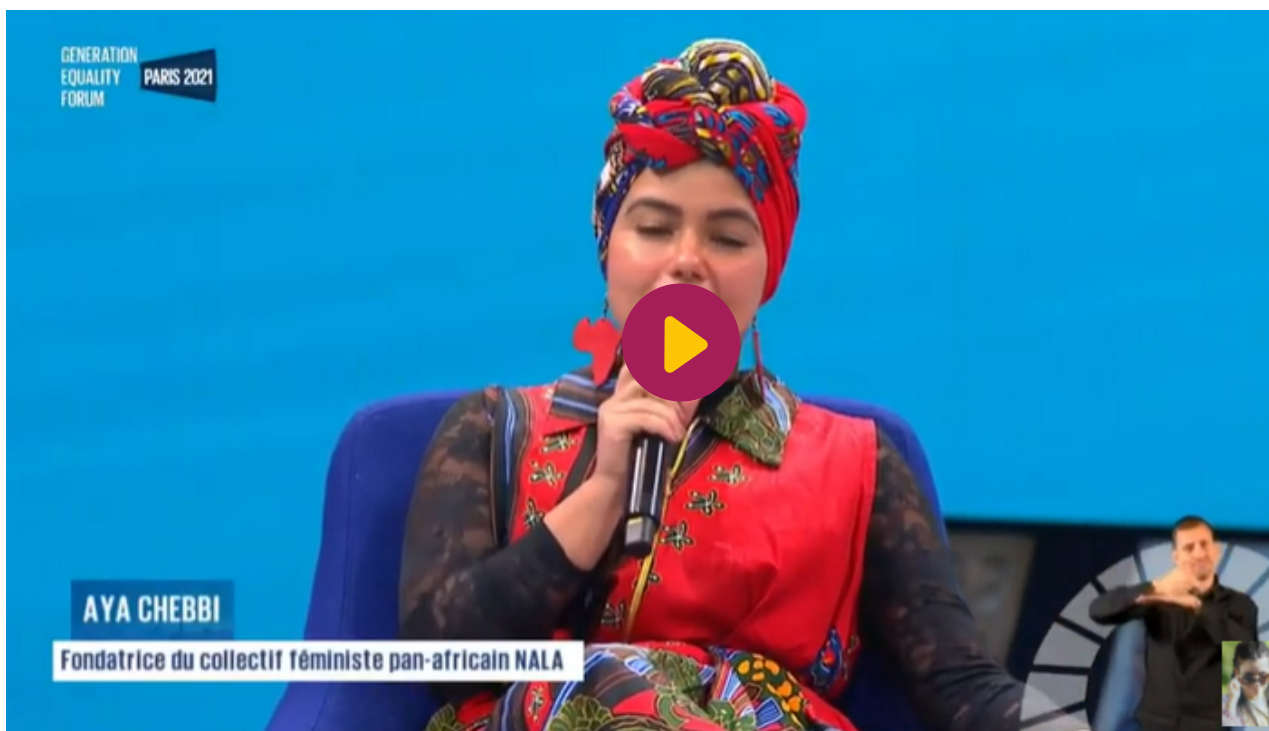
**“Pre-Generation Equality Forum Global Youth Convening” co-organized by UN Women, Youth Task Force & ActionAid** with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Campaign Coordinator of Nalafem who presented the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto

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 convenings 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 Daaji, Campaign Coordinator of Nalafem



## GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM IN PARIS

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 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  
12

**Young Feminist Unconference organized by GEF Task Force and the Youth Leaders at Action Coalitions** with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Nalafem Campaign Coordinator

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  
1st

**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 Theophilus, and Vanessa Nakate

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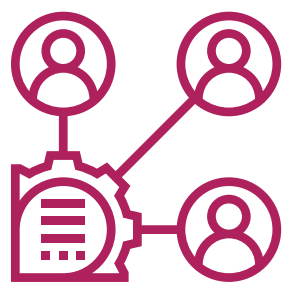
**Feminists Speak Up! organized by GEF Youth Task Force** with the participation of Sodfa Daaji, Nalafem Campaign Coordinator

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



# 36

Engaged  
stakeholders in  
Paris



# 11

speaking  
engagements



Official photo of the opening ceremony during Generation Equality Forum Paris, June 30, 2021]



Nala Chair, Aya Chebbi, with members of the Generation Equality Youth Task Force]

## NALAFEM OFFICIAL LAUNCH

**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**



High-Level Side Event on Africa Young Women United for the Decade of Action: Aya Chebbi, Hon. Emma Theophilus, H.E. Filsan Abdulahi and Vanessa Nakate.



## MANIFESTO DEMANDS INCORPORATED



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:

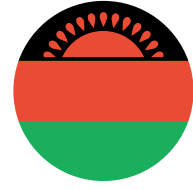
- **ECONOMIC JUSTICE DEMAND**
- **CRIMINALIZE GENDER BASED VIOLENCE DEMAND**
- **END GENDER DISCRIMINATION DEMAND**
- **SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS DEMAND**
- **SILENCING THE GUNS DEMAND**
- **INTERGENERATIONAL CO-LEADERSHIP DEMAND**
- **DIGITAL JUSTICE DEMAND**
- **INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE AND 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	Adopt plans, policies, and targets to increase the number of women in leadership roles, and dismantle barriers to women's leadership in politics, peacekeeping, security sector, peacebuilding and humanitarian/refugee planning and coordination entities.	MS: Establish and operationalize accountability and disciplinary mechanisms in the security sector, to enforce zero tolerance for any form of abuse, bullying, harassment, or discrimination, including sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA).	D.3.3
		MS: Develop and enact initiatives for intergenerational co-leadership in peacebuilding efforts and processes, mediation and negotiations, including documentation these initiatives at the national and international levels.	D.3.4
		UN: Strengthen UN system actions and strategies to support the achievement of gender parity targets at all levels including in senior leadership roles.	D.3.5
		UN: Promote coherence and coordination among UN entities on gender responsive security sector reform, including development of guidance and tools on increasing women's meaningful participation in the security sector.	D.3.6
		UN: Ensure that peace, security, and humanitarian country teams adopt specific commitments and targets to advance inclusion and leadership of women, local women's organizations and networks in country level humanitarian decision-making processes, including through inclusive consultations, and at the global level, across field missions, UNCTs and HCTs.	D.3.7
		RO: Facilitate exchange of good practices to enhance gender sensitive and human rights compliant institutional change that drives women's leadership and agency in security sector.	D.3.8
		PS: Adopt corporate guidance and strengthen initiatives to promote gender-sensitive working conditions and to support gender-equal representation at all levels, meaningful access of women, including young women, to technology, second chance education, skills training, and livelihood opportunities.	D.3.9
		PS: Ensure that corporate social responsibility strategies integrate emergency support to women leaders and gender-responsive interventions in crisis through advocacy, financial grants, security arrangements and reasonable accommodation.	D.3.10

Policy formulation within the WPS-HA Compact with exact reference to the demand on Intergenerational Co-Leadership.]

## NALAFEM INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUES FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



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

August 6, 2021



August 10, 2021



August 13, 2021



August 18, 2021

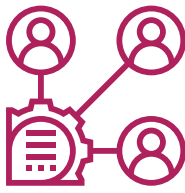


August 24, 2021



August 24, 2021





34 stakeholders



13 partners

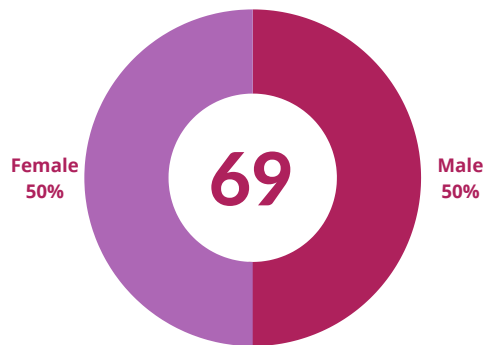


21 speakers

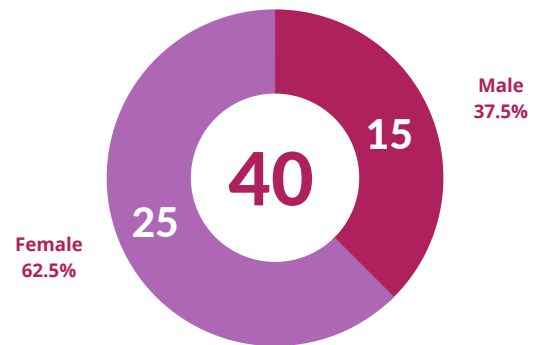


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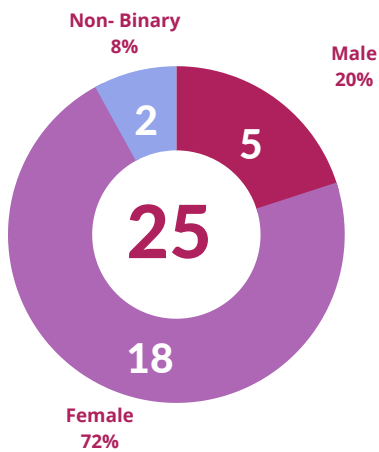
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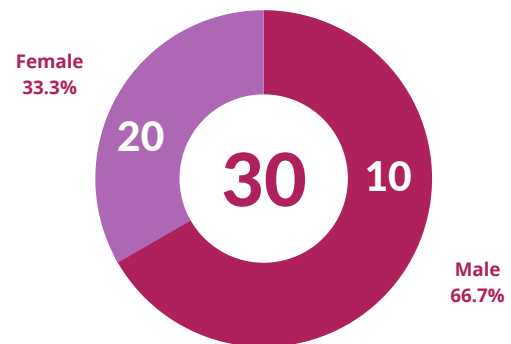
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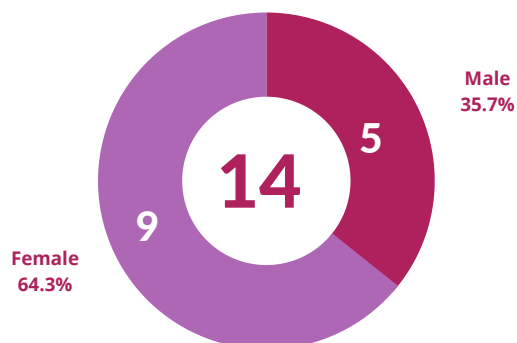
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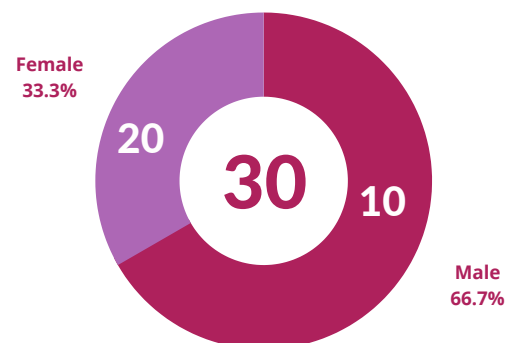
Burkina Faso



Tunisia



Rwanda



## NALAFEM IGD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



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



06 August 2021



Virtual



69 participants



**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 Center** 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 Afrikana 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.

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*“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

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## NALAFEM IGD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in South Africa was co-hosted with the **Centre for Socio Economic Transformation** in collaboration with **Impact Drivers**



10 August 2021



Pavilion Hotel, Durban



40 participants



**Centre for Socio Economic Transformation** is a youth-led organization operating in South Africa and Zimbabwe, with the aim of fostering education, civic engagement, collaboration and partnerships, the development of viable communities and increasing scientific information and local knowledge, while promoting equity and equality for women, girls and vulnerable groups of the society

**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 Brauteseth in eThekweni, 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



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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

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## 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 14years),address girls drop out from school. Without addressing this,we will not reach the full realisation 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.*



## NALAFEM IGD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



**FOR EQUALITY**



The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in Malawi co-hosted with **For Equality**



13 August 2021



Heart Café, Lilongwe



25 participants



**For Equality** is a Pan-African women's rights organization that envisions a gender equal and just Africa. For Equality operates

**Ms. Singalilwe 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



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“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**

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## NALAFEM IGD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in Burkina Faso was co-hosted with **Femin-In**



18 August 2021



Salle de l'Autorité du Liptako-Gourma, Ouagadougou



30 participants



**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











- **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



## 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 5ans 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'encrage 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 ”



## NALAFEM IGD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in Tunisia was co-hosted with **Jssor Youth Organisation**



18 August 2021



Downtown Tunis Hotel, in Tunis



14 participants



**Jssor Youth Organisation** is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental organization that 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:

- **Bohra Belhaj Hmida**, Lawyer and Politician
- **Wala Kacem**, We Code Organization
- **Feryel Charfeddine**, Feminist activist and gender/non-violence expert
- **Khawla Ben Aicha**, Arab Parliamentarians Women Network for Equality Raedat
- **Oumayma Jabnoui**, 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 NalaFEM Intergenerational Dialogue for Accountability in Tunisia was followed by a workshop with the aim of better contextualizing and understanding the Action Coalitions Commitments in Tunisia. Both the Dialogue and the workshop led to participants being able to provide a set of recommendations for both civil society organizations and state institutions to achieve gender equality

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



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"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**

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## NALAFEM IGD FOR ACCOUNTABILITY



The NalaFEM IGD for Accountability in Rwanda was co-hosted with **Saye Company**



24 August 2021



Legend Hotel Kacyiru, Kigali



30 participants



**Saye Company** is a social enterprise company that fights teenage pregnancies and menstrual stigma, through social, mental and economic empowerment

**Amina 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













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*“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**

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## The outcomes and recommendations of the dialogue included:

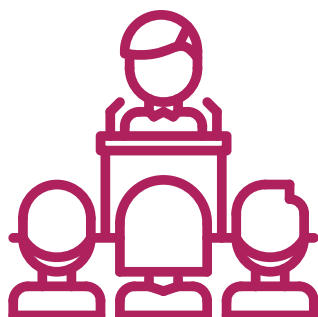
-  Digital platforms must be designed to protect women from sexual and gender-based violence. It is also vital that these platforms are effectively employed to advocate, promote and create awareness for generation equality.
-  Distributing digital tools to women is not enough, because due to unpaid work 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





**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"



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

**Speaker: Kwiz Era, Painter and Illustrator**



Mental Health Financing in  
 Africa is Our Demand

**Speakers: Sage Chemutai: Singer and Songwriter  
 & Sheree Marshall: Researcher in Global Health**

**MAY 12TH, 2021**

**MAY 5TH, 2021**



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

**Speakers: Aissata Camara & Sylvain Obedi**



**MAY 19TH, 2021**



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

**Speakers: Lusungu Kalanga: African Activist &  
 Joy Mwambire**



**MAY 28TH, 2021**

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

**Speakers: Ruth Meriki & Peeters Fongeh**



**JUNE 9TH, 2021**



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



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MANIFESTO

**Ngenarr-Yassin Jeng**  
EqualsNow, the Gambia

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## Post-GEF Youth Forum

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*“ 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**

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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**.



**276 registered**



**43 countries**

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 Jane 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

## FIREAWAY SERIES



# Fireaway Series

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 Womens' 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

**The Struggle Continues: Pan-African Youth Led Feminist Activism for Gender Equality** co-authored by Sodfa Daaji, Rahel Weldeab Sebhatu and Re'em Syeda Hussain as a contribution to the publication of the United Nations University of Peace **"The Journey to Gender Equality: Mapping the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action"** by investigating Pan-African feminism activism during the Beijing Forum and how the Africa Young Women Beijing+25 Manifesto is a road map outlining how to fill the gaps in implementing gender equality.

# 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.



## NALAFEM PRESS CONFERENCE

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 Theophilus, 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*
- "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*
- "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*
- "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 Mahmood, Poet and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador*
- "If Africa doesn't move forward, the world cannot move forward" - Hon Emma Theophilus, Deputy Minister of Communication, Information and Technology of the Republic of Namibia*



**309 registered**



**18 countries**



**Video**



**Press release**



**Report**

## overview

**TOTAL PICKUP**

**66**

**TOTAL POTENTIAL AUDIENCE**

**41M**

Exact Match

**64 Postings**

Exact Match

**41M Visitors**

Twitter

**2 Tweets**

Twitter

**16k Followers**

**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.



## COMMITMENT OF NALA FEMINIST COLLECTIVE TO THE ACTION COALITIONS PROCESS

The Nala Feminist Collective submitted its official commitment to Action Coalitions process on **21 June 2021**, ahead of the Generation Equality Forum.



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*“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*

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

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*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*

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*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*

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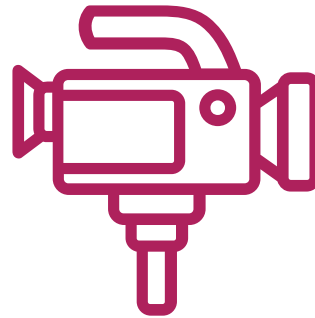
## WAY FORWARD

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:



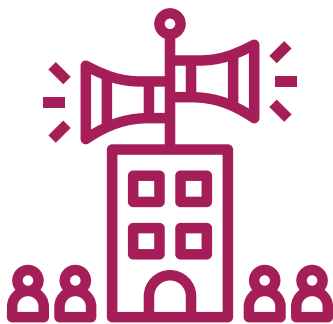
### Accountability

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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