CONCEPT NOTE
1. Introduction

The legislature authority provides a mandate to parliamentarians to pass laws for the respect of social, economic and political rights of their citizens. AU/CIEFFA developed in 2017, a compendium of existing legal instruments and policies on girls and women’s education in Africa. This compendium is supported by a Monitoring Framework whose main objective is to monitor the status of implementation of legislative documents adopted, ratified by AU Member States at regional, continental and global levels. This framework outlines the key legal and policy instruments pertaining to girls and women’s education, AU member states’ responses to these instruments and strategies for law re-enforcement.

In order to initiate an inclusive process with different key actors for quality, inclusive and gender sensitive education, the Pan African parliament (PAP), as an AU organ, should be involved in the strategy for monitoring the implementation of the legislation on girls’ and women’s education. During the first capacity-building Workshop organized in 2017 with PAP, emphasis was laid on the importance to strengthen collaboration between the two institutions.

Members of the PAP will thus meet on 19 May 2018 at the headquarters of PAP in Midrand, South Africa to discuss remaining challenges hampering the effective implementation of national, regional, continental and global legal instrument and policies pertaining to the girl’s right to education and training. African parliamentarians will have the opportunity to share with their peers their countries’ experiences in passing laws and their ratification especially in line with girls’ education and training, and laws enforcement as well adoption of coercive measures.

AU/CIEFFA will take the opportunity to organize a meeting with RECs, some institutes and national human rights’ Commission, the African Commission on Human and people’s Rights and the AU Commission on the 18th April 2018. The main objective of this meeting is to discuss (to provide inputs) and validate the monitoring framework on the implementation of legislation related to girls’ and women’s education.

In addition, these participants will be able to familiarize themselves with various procedures and steps for signing, adopting and ratifying international legal instruments and their legal hierarchy from international to national steps.

2. Objectives

The objectives of these two meetings are as follows:

a. To share countries’ experience on existing legal instruments on girls’ and women’s education and the procedure for their adoption and ratification
b. To discuss and validate the Monitoring Framework on the implementation of legislation pertaining to girls and women ‘education in Africa.

c. To strengthen networking/collaboration between the AU/CIEFFA, the RECS and other AU Organs

3. Expected Outcomes

a. Countries’ experiences on passing laws related to girls’ education are shared
b. The Monitoring Framework is discussed and validated by Parliamentarians, RECs and other stakeholders
c. Proposal to appoint the AU Special Rapporteur for girls’ education is discussed by stakeholders as well the proposal to transform the Monitoring framework into a legal instrument with binding effects for countries who will ratify it.

4. Organizers

AU/CIEFFA jointly with the PAP will organize the first meeting on 18 May 2018 with RECs, and other stakeholders and on 19th May with MPs of the PAP. Both meetings will be held within the PAP’s HQs in Midrand –South Africa

5. Participants

Members of Parliaments of the PAP, RECs, ACHP, AUC and human’s rights defenders

6. Dates and venue of Event

18 May and 19 May 2018, Midrand-South Africa

7. Language of the Meeting

Both Meetings will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

8. Logistic arrangements and contacts

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