



Campaign for the fulfilment of women's human rights in Africa

CHARTER OF COOPERATION

Article 1 - PURPOSE OF THE CHARTER

This Charter is concluded between:

THE CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE
The African Center for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS)
Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS)
The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
Women's Aid Collective (WACOL)
Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF)
Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA)

and

THE CAMPAIGN FOCAL POINTS

the national organisations designated as focal points of the Campaign by the Steering Committee

It is intended to structure the collaboration between the members of the Steering Committee and the Focal Points, herein referred to as "the parties", in the implementation of the Campaign.

Article 2 - OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN

The member organisations of the Steering Committee and the national Focal Points, in the framework of their respective statutes, undertake to work in collaboration for the realisation of the following non-exhaustive list of objectives:

- The universal ratification without reservations by African States of international and regional women's rights protection instruments
- The withdrawal of reservations entered by African States to these instruments
- The domestication and implementation of international and regional women's rights protection instruments

Article 3 - UNDERTAKINGS OF THE PARTIES

a) The member organisations of the Steering Committee undertake to:

- Support the Focal Points in the realisation of the objectives of the Campaign
- Facilitate the strengthening of relations between generalist human rights organisations and specialist women's rights organisations
- Distribute to the Focal Points the Campaign Kit
- Disseminate widely the Campaign Declaration and other campaign documents
- Set up, contribute to and publicise widely the Campaign blog
- Undertake advocacy actions at the international and regional levels
- Monitor and review the regular submission of reports on the implementation of the campaign by the Focal Points
- Inform the Focal Points regularly of the actions undertaken in the framework of the campaign and their impact

b) The Focal Points undertake to coordinate the implementation of the Campaign at the national level and to mobilise the largest number of national organisations in order to:

Awareness-raising actions

- Collect signatures to the Campaign Declaration from national NGOs and individuals
- Disseminate the Campaign Declaration to the media
- Use the campaign tools (posters, slogan, logo etc.)
- Organise press conferences, training seminars, round-tables etc.

Advocacy actions

- Submit recommendations formulated in the framework of the Campaign on a regular basis to relevant national authorities

Documentation actions

- Communicate information to the Steering Committee on the principal violations of women's rights in their country in order to contribute to the elaboration of a "Dossier of Claims and Concerns"
- Contribute towards the Campaign blog

Evaluation actions

- Submit regular activity reports to the Steering Committee on the actions undertaken within the framework of the Campaign and their impact

Article 4 - LANGUAGES

The primary languages of the campaign will be French and English. Efforts will be made by the Steering Committee to translate basic documents of the Campaign, the Campaign Kit and other relevant documents into additional languages within the limits of its capacity.

The tools and documents produced in the framework of this Campaign can however be translated by the Focal Points or the member organisations of the Steering Committee into other relevant languages.

Article 5 - ABSENCE OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The undertakings made by the signing of this Charter do not impose financial obligations upon the member organisations of the Steering Committee nor upon the Focal Point organisations.

Article 6 - COMMUNICATION

The public documents produced in the name of the Steering Committee must receive the prior validation of the member organisations of the Steering Committee.

The Focal Points undertake to use the logo of the Campaign on all public documents that conform to the objectives of the Campaign.

Article 7 - DURATION OF THE CHARTER

The parties undertake to respect the Charter during the entire duration of the Campaign.

