



American Model United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Women's economic empowerment: boosting women's entrepreneurship in Africa

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic Commission for Africa,

1 *Reaffirming* the principles of the United Nations Charter and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for
2 Action,

3 *Further reaffirming* the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 4: Inclusive education for all and
4 Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls,

5 *Bearing in mind* the lack of financial literacy and entrepreneurial education that is afforded to women within
6 Africa,

7 *Acknowledging* the importance of women's representation in science, technology, engineering and mathemat-
8 ics (STEM) fields and the positive financial impact STEM education provides for women,

9 *Alarmed by* the lack of childcare services for mothers and families of African Member States that promotes
10 child development,

11 1. *Recommends* the expansion and implementation of national and regional early education programs across
12 the continent of Africa, and utilizing existing advocacy programs and funding, such as the African Early Childhood
13 Network;

14 2. *Strongly encourages* the implementation of educational programs, especially in rural communities:

15 (a) These programs could be inspired by entrepreneurship programs that enhance financial literacy
16 for women such as Building Resources Across Communities, Mastercard Foundation, L'Oasis and 4Good Programme;

17 3. *Additionally encourages* the implementation of STEM educational programs that promote innovation,
18 research and higher-paying careers for women:

19 (a) Suggests programs similar to Kenya's Scientific Camps of Excellence for Mentoring Girls in
20 STEM be implemented in other African Member States;

21 (b) This education should focus on community engagement and developing soft skills, including
22 negotiation and communication skills;

23 4. *Suggests* the adoption of civic educational programs, specifically allowing women to be involved in their
24 local government;

25 5. *Calls for* the careful creation and implementation of free childcare services to student mothers, which
26 would allow for mothers to finish their education as opposed to leaving school when having children.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions