



American Model United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

ECA/I/2

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 commitment of the United Nations to the principles of gender equality, as shown in the Uni-
2 versal Declaration of Human Rights, the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Treaty Convention
3 on the Rights of the Child,

4 *Recognizing* the vital role played by the Economic Commission for Africa in addressing gender disparities in
5 the African continent and acknowledging its dedication to promoting sustainable development and inclusive growth,

6 *Acknowledging* the Economic Commission of Africa's three-part approach to achieving gender equality and
7 women's empowerment in development programs, such as tank functions, operational assistance and convening
8 activities,

9 *Recognizing* the importance of women's economic empowerment as essential for achieving the United Nations
10 Sustainable Development Goals and extensive economic growth in Africa,

11 *Concerned* about the barriers women experience in Africa in regards to a lack of infrastructure and educa-
12 tional opportunities,

13 *Seeking* the full participation in economic activities and access to unexploited employment for African women,

14 *Emphasizing* the discriminatory practices faced by women-owned businesses, limiting their ability to con-
15 tribute fully to the economy,

16 *Affirming* further enforcement of gender equality laws, with specific focus on female genital mutilation and
17 forced child marriage,

18 1. *Recommends* Member States and the Economic Commission of Africa intensify their efforts to promote
19 women's entrepreneurship in Africa by promoting access to financial resources and facilitating women's participation
20 in decision-making processes;

21 2. *Invites* Member States to collaborate with the Economic Commission of Africa in designing and im-
22 plementing policies that foster an enabling environment for women entrepreneurs, including digital technologies
23 to empower women entrepreneurs to tap into online markets and expand their businesses and access to sanitary
24 products;

25 3. *Welcomes* the United Nations and the Economic Commission of Africa to continue and expand their
26 efforts to boost women's entrepreneurship in Africa, with a particular focus on addressing infrastructure needs,
27 including electricity and access to clean water;

28 4. *Invites* other international organizations, as well as governments and stakeholders, to actively participate
29 in and support initiatives aimed at promoting women's participation in education and the workplace;

30 5. *Emphasizes* the importance for all Member States to work towards further enforcing gender equality laws
31 already put in place;

32 6. *Encourages* Member States to end the practice of forced child marriage.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions