

**Regional Forum for Africa on
Women's Entrepreneurship Development
In Response to the Financial Crisis**

Draft agenda for the forum

Day 1: Tuesday 27 October

09:00 – 10:00 : Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 – 11:15 : Inaugural session

11:15 – 11:45: Break

11:45 – 13:00 : **Women Entrepreneurs Panel**

General Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 : Lunch

STREAM 1: Promoting Sustainable (and growth-oriented) Women Enterprises

14:30 – 15:30 : **Keynote Speaker:**

WED in a globalised world: The importance of the Global Compact

General discussion

15:30 – 17:30 : **Parallel sessions**

- *Panel 1: Enabling environment*
- *Panel 2: Accessing finance*
- *Panel 3: Linking WED to Growth Drivers*

17:00 – 17:30 : Break

17:30 – 18:30 : **Plenary**

20:00 Diner

Day 2: Wednesday 28 October

STREAM 2: Monitoring WED Impact

08:30 – 09:30 : **Keynote Speaker:**

Global Jobs Pact contribution to women economic empowerment

General discussion

09:30 – 11:30 : **Parallel sessions**

- *Panel 4: WED Impact Indicators*
- *Panel 5: Enhancing WED Programmes Effectiveness*
- *Panel 6: Up scaling Successful WED Strategies and Programmes*

11:30 – 12:00: Break

12:00 – 13:00: **Plenary**

13:00 – 14:00 : Lunch

STREAM 3: Partnering for WED in Africa

14:00 – 15:00: **Keynote Speaker:**

Working as One for WED in Africa: Institutionalization of WED Forum

General Discussion

15:00 – 17:00 **Parallel sessions**

- *Panel 7: Working together to boost the visibility and prioritization of WED in national budgets/development frameworks and DWCP*
- *Panel 8: Enhancing Women Entrepreneurs Networking in Africa*
- *Panel 9: Expanding Donors' WED Support in Africa*

17:00 – 17:30 : Coffee break

17:30 – 18:30 : **Plenary**

Day 3: Thursday 29 October

09:00 – 11:00 : **PROPOSED APPROACH/STRATEGY FOR INSTITUTIONALIZING THE WED FORUM**

Presentation and General discussion

11:00 – 11:30 : Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 : Adoption of the Cairo Communiqué/Declaration

12:30 – 13:30 : Closing Ceremony