



MINISTÈRE DU GENRE, FAMILLE ET ENFANT

TECHNICAL NOTE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SIDE EVENT BY THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO THE UN-WOMEN AT THE 67th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

I. BACKGROUND

Every year, in all member countries of the United Nations, March 8 is celebrated as International Women's Day, also called International Women's Day (IWD).

The celebration of March 8 stems from a United Nations resolution adopted on March 8, 1977, which enjoins member countries to celebrate an international day for women's rights and international peace.

On the sidelines of this celebration, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women is organizing a special session for all member countries of the United Nations to examine the progress made by different countries in relation to the priority theme defined for the session. Also, parallel events are organized by the States to present the progress made by their respective countries in terms of women's rights and for advocacy on specific issues facing women. For the 2023 edition, the DRC through the Ministry of Gender, Family and Children, will take part in the United Nations session on the status of women not only as a member country of the United Nations to make its voice heard in this concerning women's rights, but also as the current President of SADC, Gender Sector. In this capacity, she will present a statement at the opening ceremony of

the 67th Session of the Status of Women, on behalf of SADC Member States, reflecting the progress of the region with regard to the priority theme and the CSW67 review theme, namely “Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls” as the priority theme and “Issues and opportunities to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls” as the evaluation theme.

It is in this context that the DRC will organize a Side Event.

II. CHALLENGES OF THE DRC PARALLEL EVENT

The Democratic Republic of the Congo side event will be organized at the United Nations compound on March 15, 2023, from 8:15 am. to 9:45 am (CR8), under the main theme: “egalitarian digital education for peace and the empowerment of women and girls in the DRC”.

The objectives set for this activity are as follows :

- Mobilize women in peace building for an egalitarian digital education;
- Mobilize the world for an egalitarian digital education in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- Mobilize the world to put an end to all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.

III. OUTCOMES OF THE SIDE EVENT

The main expected result of this activity is to trigger the action and solidarity of women around the world to silence the guns in the Democratic Republic of Congo: a guarantee of egalitarian digital education.

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