



# CALL FOR PAPERS

Global African Women Birthing the Decade  
for People of African Descent

59<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women - Parallel Forum  
Saturday 14 March, 2015, New York City

Abstract and/or full papers from women of African descent are invited for consideration for the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women's (CSW) parallel forum, *Global African Women Birthing the Decade for People of African Descent*.

## THEME

Papers should tackle the needs of women and girls of African descent for the next decade relative to the **Beijing Declaration** in the post-2015 development agenda as well as pertain to the **DDPOA** under the theme Recognition, Justice and Development.

Deadline for abstracts/proposals with bios: **12th February, 2015**

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Presentation topics may include, but are not limited to applied research in the following areas:

- Terrorism, peace and security on women and girls
- Food security
- Primary health care in urban slums and rural areas,
- IT startups and entrepreneurship for women in urban slums
- Education and capacity building
- Reparations
- Information technologies
- Transportation and communication system
- Women and the environment
- Women in power and decision-making
- The girl child
- Women and the economy
- Violence against women
- Human rights of women
- Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women

## FORUM BACKGROUND

*Global African Women Birthing the Decade for People of African Descent* is an official parallel forum of the *59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)*, a functional commission of the *United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)*. It is the principal global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women. Each year, representatives of Member States gather at United Nations Headquarters in New York to evaluate progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide.

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