



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

CALL FOR PAPERS

IMPLEMENTING THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (2010): OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN

The debates on the implementation of Kenya's Constitution (2010) continue unabated, three years after the promulgation of what was celebrated as a document meant to recognize and secure the rights of women, and indeed all groups and individuals in the country. So far, the bulk of these debates have been situated in the print and electronic media, yielding broad statements regarding the place and rights of women as envisaged in the new constitution.

Little concerted and scholarly scrutiny of how exactly women may or should benefit as the constitution is implemented has been undertaken. Nor have such debates illuminated the challenges and opportunities that the new constitution offers women in this country. Owing to this, the University of Nairobi's African Women's Studies Centre in collaboration with the School of Law, School of Journalism, Centre for Human Rights and Peace and the Institute for Diplomacy and International Studies have organized *a two-day conference as part of the University's 100 Days Rapid Results Initiative (RRI)*. Slated for *October 17 – 18th 2013* at the University of Nairobi's Main Campus, the conference seeks to bring together scholars and practitioners on gender issues to engage on a range of questions regarding the role and the place of women in Kenya's Constitution (2010). Under the wider rubric of women's rights, the conference will debate broad areas of women's rights in the new constitution and identify opportunities that exist and challenges for implementation.

- 1.) Women and reproductive health
- 2.) Women and representation
- 3.) Women in the legal systems and process
- 4.) Women and devolved government
- 5.) Women and governance
- 6.) Women and citizenship
- 7.) Women and the rights of the elderly
- 8.) Women, culture and tradition
- 9.) Women and health
- 10.) Women and water
- 11.) Women in literature
- 12.) Women and food security
- 13.) Women and social security
- 14.) The women's place in university management
- 15.) Women's perspectives and policy formulation and implementation in Kenya
- 16.) Women and education
- 17.) Women and environment
- 18.) Women and gender studies
- 19.) Women in the academia
- 20.) Women in politics
- 21.) Women in decision Making
- 22.) Women and disability
- 23.) Affirmative action: opportunities and challenges
- 24.) The right approach to social economic development
- 25.) Women and the legal profession
- 26.) Women and media
- 27.) Women and language
- 28.) Research methodology and women's rights
- 29.) Women and conflict
- 30.) Women, science and technology
- 31.) Women and sports
- 32.) Women and social economic rights
- 33.) Women and agency
- 34.) Women and religion

35.) Domestic workers and human rights

37.) Women and poverty alleviation

36.) Women and property rights

Notes

- ❖ Please send an abstract not exceeding 200 words to the Committee Coordinator, Dr Jane Wambui on email: worights@gmail.com by **September 13, 2013**.
- ❖ The author(s) name, affiliation and email address for correspondence are also required.
- ❖ Authors of selected abstracts will receive an acceptance decision by **September 20, 2013**.
- ❖ Selected papers will be published as part of Rapid Results Initiative (RRI)