**Call for Concept Notes: Advocacy Plans for Human Rights in Africa**

FON is pleased to invite selected organizations and networks in Africa to submit concept notes for advocacy plans aimed at promoting human rights at national, regional, and international levels. FON has identified **51 organizations** and **10 networks** across its focus countries to collaborate on this effort, with a commitment to strengthening and amplifying the human rights work being done on the ground.

**Objective**

The primary objective of this call is to support subgrantees in the development and implementation of **advocacy plans** that integrate national, regional, and international strategies. These plans should aim to:

* Address pressing gender justice and human rights issues in line with FON goals.
* Address gender-based violence priorities
* Foster collaboration and synergy between regional/international advocacy efforts and local/national initiatives.
* Drive impactful change through individual or joint advocacy activities.
* Promote intersectionality in the fight for Gender Justice.

**Funding Categories**

FON will provide funding for two types of advocacy plans:

1. **Individual Advocacy Plans**:
Funding available up to **5,000 Euros** per organization.
These plans should focus on human rights advocacy at the national level, with clear linkages to regional and international frameworks and efforts.
2. **Joint Advocacy Initiatives**:
Funding available up to **13,000 Euros** for collaborative projects.
These initiatives should involve partnerships between organizations and networks working together on shared advocacy goals, addressing human rights issues that span multiple levels.

**Regional and International Advocacy Opportunities**

To strengthen the connection between national and broader regional advocacy efforts, as well as other relevant events in line with FON objective to prevent and fight GBV, FON subgrantees are encouraged to consider participating in or aligning their work with the following key regional and international advocacy events:

* **16 Days of Activism** against Gender Based Violence
* **Reproductive Health Network Kenya (RHNK) Adolescence and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (AYSRHR) Scientific Conference:** RHNK holds the AYSRHR Scientific Conference on an annual basis to provide a platform for SRHR stakeholders, actors, champions and young people to share experiences and learn new information on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights from experts.
* **Country Universal Periodic Reviews**: a unique mechanism of the Human Rights Council that calls for each UN Member State to undergo a peer review of its human rights records every 4.5 years.
* **African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR)**: Regular sessions provide a platform for presenting human rights concerns to the regional body.
* **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)**: Annual global forum focused on gender equality and women's rights, often highlighting advocacy around violence against women and girls.
* **Conference on Population and Development (CPD)**: Addresses issues related to sexual and reproductive health, often with a focus on women's rights and bodily autonomy.
* **CEDAW Committee Sessions**: Advocacy opportunities around women’s rights through the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.
* **African Union Summits and Forums**: Critical platforms to engage African leaders on policy reforms, human rights, and gender equality.
* **African Women’s Rights Conference**: A regional advocacy forum focusing on women's rights, gender-based violence, and legal reforms.
* **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25)**: Leverage global campaigns like 16 Days of Activism to enhance visibility and action at the national level.
* **International AIDS Conference:** A global scientific forum to convene, educate and advocate for a world in which HIV no longer presents a threat to public health and individual well-being.

**Eligibility Criteria**

* Applicants must be among the **51 selected organizations** and **10 networks** subgranted by FON.
* Proposals must clearly outline how the advocacy plan links national activities with regional and international advocacy efforts.
* Both individual organizations and coalitions of organizations are eligible to apply.
* Intersectionality between key feminist areas of focus.

**Submission Guidelines**

* Concept notes should be concise, no more than **5 pages**, detailing:
	+ Objectives of the advocacy plan.
	+ Key human rights and gender justice issues to be addressed.
	+ Proposed activities and strategies.
	+ Expected outcomes and impact.
	+ Timeline and budget breakdown.
	+ Description of how the project will link national efforts with regional/international advocacy.
* Joint initiatives should also include:
	+ A partnership structure and roles of each organization in the coalition.
	+ Collaboration strategy to ensure cohesive and effective advocacy.

**Selection Criteria**

Concept notes will be evaluated based on the following:

* Relevance and alignment with FON human and gender justice rights goals.
* Feasibility and sustainability of the advocacy plan.
* Innovation and potential for impact.
* Clarity in linking national advocacy with broader regional and international efforts.
* Collaboration and partnership strength (for joint initiatives).

**Selection process**

FON Africa Team will make the selection of successful applications, based on the above criteria.

The team will take two weeks to review and share the results of the selection process.

**Deadline for Submission**

Concept notes must be submitted by **October 27th, 2024** to **wwairimu@ippf.org** **and** **aba@ippf.org**

**Contact Information**

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