

PROCEEDING OF THE STAKEHOLDER'S PERSPECTIVE ON GENDER AND CSO-GENDE PLATFORM ESTABLISHMENT AND UNVEILING WORKSHOP

Introduction



The Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council, in Collaboration with Action Ethiopia (AAE), has been undertaking a series of high-level dialogue on Gender Equality in Ethiopia. The idea for the dialogues was conceived during the CSO week in June 2022 and the panel discussion held on Gender Equality in

June 2022. Findings from the discussion at the time revealed the need for a series of dialogue sessions to create clarity on gender equality issues in the country, and for these to eventually fruition in the establishment of a CSO-Gender platform involving of all relevant stakeholders.²

Accordingly, six high level dialogues were held. The dialogue workshops have brought together professionals and institutions working in the area of gender equality and created enhanced understanding on the condition of gender equality in Ethiopia and the role of various stakeholders.

This final workshop focused on the exchange of ideas and perspectives between the stakeholders and the formation and unveiling of the CSO Gender Platform. The stakeholders' workshop was meant to look back and reflect on the issues, opportunities, challenges, and recommendations forwarded from the six-workshop conducted with key stakeholders to advance Gender equality in Ethiopia.



OBJECTIVES

The workshop's core objective is to ensure the continued undertaking of ECSOC gender equality activities and initiatives by establishing a CSO Gender Platform.

The specific objectives of the workshop were:

- ❖ Reflect on the dialogue workshops that have been held.
- ❖ Deliberate on the way forward, activities to be prioritized and strategies for resources mobilization.
- ❖ Appoint professionals and form a CSO–Gender platform to be able to ensure activities, projects that support endeavors of gender equality are initiated and that these continue to be held.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The expected deliverables from the workshop included, increased understanding of gender gaps, exchange of ideas and perspectives on finding from the dialogue as well as formation and unveiling of a CSO-Gender Platform which actively works on issues of Gender Equality.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDING OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop kicked off with the opening remarks by Mrs. Hana W/Gebriel, Program and Development Director, Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council. In her remarks, Mrs. Hana highlighted the six thematic workshop that have been held. She noted that the series of high-level dialogues brought together various



actors and agencies working in the field to reflect on efforts and progresses on gender equality in Ethiopia and outline activities for future engagement by CSOs. Speaking about the objective of the workshop for the day, she said that it is intended to deliberate about the findings from the workshop, elucidation of the way forward and establishment of a quasi-permanent structure to carry on ECSOC's activities on gender equality.



Dr. Kalewongel Minale, Program and Development Advisor, Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council, made two consecutive presentations providing a summary of the finding from the series of workshops held followed by practical matters to the constitution of the CSO gender platform.

Accordingly, an indirect election with each sector conducting its own elections of their own and announcing winners to constitute the platform was agreed as a modality. The academia and the CSO sector were allotted to have two representatives with the rest of the stakeholders having one representative each. Following an extended deliberation by representatives from each stakeholder, the following people were eventually elected as members of the CSO-Gender Platform.

No	Name	Stakeholder
1	Miss. Handi Yussuf	CSO
2	Mrs. Genet Shumie	CSO
3	Dr. Abraham Tarekegne	Academia
4	Dr. Sewalem Tsega	Academia
5	Mrs. Mantegbosh Wubeshet	Media

ECSOC was given the mandate to complete the composition of the platform by reaching out and incorporating representatives from the federal parliament, women's caucus, the Ministry of Social and Women Affairs and the Private Sector

Finally, the workshop completed each committee member introduced himself/herself to the audience and what they intend to accomplish as members of the Platform.

