



Outcome Statement From African Women with Disabilities
During the African Regional convening towards Women Deliver 2026
24-26 November 2025

As African women with disabilities participating in the African Regional Convening Towards Women Deliver 2026, we recognize that the discussions held from 24–26 November 2025 reflect the urgent realities shaping our lives, shrinking civic space, severe funding cuts, unequal access to SRHR, persistent violence, and the widening inequalities that continue to push us to the fringes of feminist and development agendas. We affirm that while Africa is advancing feminist leadership, youth organising, and SRHR advocacy, women and girls with disabilities remain structurally excluded from the very spaces, resources, and decisions intended to transform our lives. Our experiences during the sessions on funding crisis, feminist economic justice, SRHR in humanitarian settings, governance, and movement-building confirm that the global aid reductions and domestic financing gaps are disproportionately harming us, especially those in rural, conflict-affected, or disaster-impacted areas, and that without our inclusion, Africa cannot deliver gender justice or achieve the vision of Women Deliver 2026.

We therefore call for the WD2026 outcome document to explicitly centre the rights, leadership, and lived experiences of African women with disabilities by demanding a fundamental shift in financing, policy commitments, and accountability.

We urge donors, governments, and feminist movements to adopt disability-inclusive financing models that allocate direct, flexible, long-term resources to organizations of women with disabilities and embed accessibility, participation costs, assistive technologies, and reasonable accommodation into all budgets as mandatory commitments.

Strengthen partnerships between governments, private sector, philanthropies, and OPDs to protect essential gender and disability programmes from global aid fluctuations and promote the Amman

Berlin declaration on 15% for 15% commitment to disability rights adopted in Berlin/Germany at global disability summit.

We insist that SRHR policies, services, and information fully address the barriers we face, including inaccessible facilities, discriminatory practices, lack of sign language, limited mental health support, and heightened risks of GBV, so that no woman is denied her bodily autonomy because of disability.

We call for our meaningful representation in civic processes, AU platforms, parliamentary advocacy, and local decision-making, emphasizing that inclusion without resources or power is symbolic and reinforces historic inequalities.

Our leadership must be recognized not as token presence but as essential to shaping policy, demanding accountability, and advancing SRHR and gender justice.

We further emphasize the need for solidarity-based movements that unite feminist, youth, disability, climate, and social justice actors to resist anti-rights attacks and strengthen collective action, ensuring that our stories, expertise, and solutions are respected as central to Africa's transformation.

Economic justice frameworks must confront the exclusion we face in employment, social protection, entrepreneurship, and access to credit, ensuring that economic policies uplift women with disabilities instead of deepening poverty.

Domestic resource mobilization must integrate disability inclusion so that African countries are not dependent on unpredictable external funding, particularly for SRHR, GBV prevention, and community-based services that directly serve us.

We call on the AU, regional bodies, and national governments to ratify and implement CEVAWG, the Maputo Protocol, and the African Disability Protocol with disability-responsive indicators, credible monitoring systems, and clear accountability measures. We demand that mental health and psychosocial support systems reflect the realities of women with disabilities, especially survivors of violence and adolescent girls, who continue to be left behind in mainstream services.

Finally, we affirm that African women with disabilities must be visible, heard, and recognized across all WD2026 processes, communications, advocacy, and outcome documents and ensure that the convening space is much accessible as possible.

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