



# MINISTRY OF GENDER, CULTURE, THE ARTS AND HERITAGE

## PRESS STATEMENT

### CABINET SECRETARY HON. AISHA JUMWA TO LEAD KENYAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 2024 IN NEW YORK, USA, FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2024

Kenya will be taking part in the **68<sup>th</sup> United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)**, an event held yearly in March to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and women's rights.

The CSW is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the main UN organs within the United Nations. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to contribute to the session that will run from **11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**.

This priority theme this year is *Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective*.

The Review theme is *Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session)*.

The Cabinet Secretary responsible for Gender and Affirmative Action, Hon. Aisha Jumwa, will lead the delegation comprising of state and non-state actors to the Session that will see her lead in the reading of the Country Statement and the Ministerial Roundtables (MRTs) and Interactive Dialogues (IDs).

Kenya will be hosting **4 side events** at the Session to be held at the UN premises namely:

- i. From Commitment to Action: Accelerating achievements of Generation Equality Forum (GEF) on Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Kenya.**
- ii. Promoting Women's Empowerment: Exploring the intersection of Unpaid Care Work and Land Rights for Gender Justice.**
- iii. Bridging the Gender Digital Divide: Amplifying Financial Inclusion to Address Time Poverty in Kenya.**
- iv. Leveraging on health investments for better maternal outcomes and poverty reduction.**

Kenya adequately prepared for the CSW meetings through the constitution of a multi-sectoral National Planning Committee (NPC) that spearheaded the preparatory work that informed and guided Kenya's participation at the CSW68, both at the regional and global meetings. The NPC spearheaded the preparation of the Kenya Country Position Paper that is summarized into a Country Statement.

Regionally, Kenya participated and contributed to the Africa Pre-CSW68 Regional Consultations where Ministers for Gender/Women Affairs adopted the Africa Common Position on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Expected outcomes from the CSW68 session include having extensive negotiations on the agreed conclusions, best practice and lessons learnt from all side events and an outcome report detailing an action plan for implementation.

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