

Chair's Summary on Gender

- It is time to deliver for women and girls and make our commitments visible and measurable. We agree to provide strong political leadership and to increase resources to close the gender gap in Africa.
- We strongly encourage African efforts to ratify the “Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa”, “the Maputo Plan of Action” and the “Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women in Africa” and commit to work together on implementation.
- We underline that gender equality is an objective in its own right and at the same time fundamental to reduce poverty, promote economic growth and achieve the MDGs.
- Special attention should be paid to sexual and reproductive health and rights, violence against women and the gender aspect of the HIV/AIDS pandemic at all levels.
- We call for accelerated action to expand and enforce the land and property rights of women as a lever for women’s empowerment and status.
- We call for women’s access to and ownership of productive and financial resources and the provision of capacity development, including management training related to entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.

- We call for support to the World Bank's Gender Action Plan and the Call for Action from the Berlin High Level Panel on Gender, and encourage all development partners to increase their efforts related to gender equality in Africa.
- We encourage the development of NEPAD's Gender Action Plan.
- We agree that the APF in 2008 starts monitoring the implementation of commitments targeting gender equality in Africa.
- We agree to integrate a gender perspective into national development and sector strategies, budgets and programs and to build capacity at all levels to do so.
- We call for strong support to the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
- We further commit ourselves to promote gender responsive public financial management as a central theme, and to include gender equality in the discourse on and implementation of the aid effectiveness agenda under the Paris Declaration.