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International Women's Rights Day 2025
'For ALL Women and Girls – Rights, Equality and Empowerment'
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On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) joins the international community in celebrating the progress made in women and girls' rights, equality and empowerment.

This year, under the theme '*For ALL Women and Girls: Rights, Equality and Empowerment*¹', CEN-SAD reaffirms its commitment to the full and effective participation of women in all areas of development, particularly in the fields of governance, entrepreneurship and innovation, new technologies and artificial intelligence (AI).

CEN-SAD is seizing this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to women's empowerment and girls' education.

As a reminder, the year 2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. In this context, CEN-SAD recognizes that challenges remain, particularly in the Sahel-Saharan region, where gender inequalities still hamper women's access to economic and educational opportunities and calls for inclusive policies and concrete initiatives to:

- Increasing access to education for women and girls, particularly in new technologies and innovation;
- Supporting women's entrepreneurship to promote their economic independence;
- Promoting better representation of women in decision-making at all levels.

This memorable day dedicated to the defence of women's rights and their empowerment is an opportunity to call on Member States to take collective action to create an enabling environment in which every woman and girl can flourish, contribute fully to society and be an agent of change.

CEN-SAD remains firmly committed to promoting concrete actions for gender equality, convinced that when women progress, our nations progress towards an inclusive and equitable future.

Finally, CEN-SAD will continue to work for a future where no woman or girl is left behind, by promoting, through its programmes and partnerships, public policies adapted to the local realities and aspirations of women in the Sahel and beyond.

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¹ United Nations (UN) 2025 theme