

**SOLIDARITY FOR  
AFRICAN WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

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### **Membership Criteria for joining Solidarity for African Women's Rights (SOAWR) Coalition**

The Steering Committee of the Solidarity for African Women's Rights (SOAWR) Coalition has put in place the following rules for acceptance of applications for membership from new groups:

1) **African Organizations** are eligible to join the coalition at any time. Each organization should provide the following:

a) Submit an application to join the coalition stating:

- What the applicant seeks to achieve by joining the Coalition
- What they seek to contribute to the coalition as a whole
- What are the particular areas of interest (e.g; popularization; ratification, domestication; and theme wise also – reproductive rights, peace building/conflict resolution, female genital mutilation, etc. based on the provisions of the Protocol).
- Commitment to take up responsibility for activities within the coalition

b) Provide a profile of the organization and any work it has done / is doing around the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa.

c) Submit a list of activities it plans to undertake in support of the campaign with indication that it has financial support for the planned activities.

d) Submit quarterly updates on progress of its campaigning interventions.

e) Submit contact details of two references (preferably SOAWR members) in support of the application,

2) **Non-African Organizations** are also welcome and are taken on board with the condition that the organization should be constituted in an African country with a board that is established by law within that country. In addition, it would be expected to contribute financially to the campaign by either lending support to national campaigning or by working in partnership with any of the coalition members.

### **As a member of SOAWR the benefits are:**

1) Member's work is profiled in updates and through Pambazuka

2) Members are acknowledged in advocacy materials that are widely distributed

3) Participation in annual meetings of the coalition

#### **Coalition Members**

African Centre for Democracy And Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS), Akina Mama wa Afrika, Association des Juristes Maliennes, Cellule de Coordination sur les Pratiques Traditionnelle Affectant la Sante des Femmes et des Enfants, BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights, Centre for Justice Studies and Innovations (CJSI), Coalition on Violence Against Women, Eastern Africa Sub-regional Support Initiative (EASSI), Equality Now-Africa Regional Office, FAHAMU, FAMEDEV-Inter-African Network For Women, Media, Gender and Development, FEMNET - African Women's Development and Communication Network, Federation of Women Lawyers Kenya (FIDA-Kenya), Foundation for Community Development, Inter-African Committee on Harmful Traditional Practices (IAC), Human Rights Law Service (HURILAWS), Oxfam GB, Sister Namibia, Strategic Initiative for the Horn of Africa (SIHA), Union Nationale des Femmes de Djibouti, Voix de Femmes, University of Pretoria Center for Human Rights, Women Direct, Women of Liberia Peace Network (WOLPNET), Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF),

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- 4) Eligibility to apply for funds available for the campaign
- 5) Share resources with coalition members

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