

# **African Women in Leadership Network**

## **Call for Participation**

The African Women in Leadership Network (WILN) offers an opportunity for Australia Awards alumni (female) to engage, collaborate and act on issues to do with inclusive development.

WILN members help to increase opportunities for other women from their home countries by promoting the Australia Awards scholarships; by supporting Scholars as they embark on their award experience; mentoring each other and by leading change in support of social inclusion. This is an exciting opportunity for alumni from across Africa to make a difference.

### **Why is WILN important in this context?**

We encourage you to read the below documents that inform our approach:

- [Agenda 2063](#) by the African Union
- Australia's [Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment strategy](#)
- [Building Women's Leadership: the Contribution of Australia Awards Scholarships](#)

### **How can we demonstrate leadership as WILN members?**

#### ***Being an active WILN Country chapter member (under the Alumni associations) in leading change***

WILN members collaborate to lead change for societal impact. The WILN has Country Chapters with members in most Award countries, with some being more established than others. Plug into your chapter by attending meetings, engaging with community issues, volunteering for various roles and sharing and connecting with each other. This could be at a personal level, at your workplace, community and within the alumni association and may involve collaborating with organisations and stakeholders in our countries. See more on the website.

#### ***Scholarship Promotion***

As alumni (women), you can inform other women about Australia Awards in various ways:

- Disseminate Australia Awards information through your social and professional networks
- Distribute pamphlets and/or share the link for the Australia Awards website with other women
- Actively engage in Australia Awards alumni associations in countries where these are present to support their efforts in disseminating Australia Awards information

#### ***Peer Support to New Scholars and amongst WILN members***

Your valuable experience can assist other women. You can assist new Scholars from your country before departure and in the first few months in Australia **via email or social media.**

You can also support fellow WILN members through

- Share your social and professional experiences and tips
- Share information on self-development with each other
- Mentor and connect each other to relevant networks

## **Nature of Engagement and Benefits of Participation**

Engagement in the African Women in Leadership Network is on a volunteer basis.

- Once registered, participants details will go on the WILN members database.
- You can thereafter seek to link with your WILN Country Chapter members.
- You will be contacted by an Australia Awards staff who will connect members with opportunities for engagement as they arise (workshops, grants etc.).
- Share your success story as a leader which we will share on our publicity material.
- Engage and share on our Facebook page (Africa Connect Alumni)

## **What is in it for me as an active WILN member?**

- Opportunities for networking with members your country and from Africa;
- Possible learning and professional development opportunities through engagement in some Australia Awards operations;
- Opportunity to collaborate with your compatriots as change-agents;
- and the visibility that may accrue from your engagement and from sharing your success stories.

**Join in and make a difference!** (See registration form below)



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## REGISTRATION

### AFRICAN WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP NETWORK (WILN)

Australia Awards is pleased to invite you to join the African Women Network (WILN). This is an exciting opportunity for you to join other alumni across Africa as a coalition of change agents.

Membership is open to all Australia Awards/Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) African alumni (women), and registration is open all year round. If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete this registration form and email it to [alumni@australiaawardsafrica.org](mailto:alumni@australiaawardsafrica.org). **Join in and make a difference!**

(If you know of other female alumni who may be interested in joining this Network, please share this invitation.)

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| <b>Your full name:</b>  |   |                               |  |
| <b>Country:</b>   |   |                               |  |
| <b>Type of Award (tick one):</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> Short Course <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship  |                               |  |
| <b>Course of study:</b>   |   |                               |  |
| <b>Australian institution:</b>  |   |                               |  |
| <b>Year commenced degree:</b>   |   | <b>Year completed degree:</b> |  |
| <b>Sector of Study (tick one):*</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture /Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Management/Mining<br><input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Management/Environment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy/Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sanitation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |                               |  |
| <b>Organisation:</b>  |   |                               |  |
| <b>Job title:</b>   |   |                               |  |
| <b>Primary email address:</b>   |   |                               |  |
| <b>Your phone number(s):</b>  |   |                               |  |
| <b>Do you identify as a person with disability?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  |   |                               |  |
| <b>Currently registered on the Alumni Database:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  |   |                               |  |
| <i>(If not, please visit our website and register on the Alumni database to benefit fully from Alumni engagement opportunities. You can register at <a href="https://australiaawardsafrica.org/alumni/">https://australiaawardsafrica.org/alumni/</a>). If already registered, please visit this same web page to update your contact and employment details whenever these change.</i> |   |                               |  |

**Registered on Africa Connect:**  YES  NO

*(Africa Connect is Australia Awards social media platform that allows for networking with other alumni and Scholars. You can join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AfricaConnectAlumni/>)*

**GENERAL QUESTIONS (please provide a response):**

1. What is one developmental issue area affecting African women for which you have a special interest in? How have you been involved in improving this cause or initiative (if applicable)? Please elaborate.