

DRAFT WORKPLAN FOR THE WOMEN, EQUALITY AND CONSTITUTIONALISIM WORKING GROUP

Proposed Activity	Details
1. Wrap up Due Diligence project.	A study on the use of Due Diligence in SADC countries was undertaken which was followed by a workshop/seminar of various actors from different SADC countries. The aim of this workshop was to investigate the use of Due Dilligence in the protection of women from violence The results of the research and workshop will be merged with similar studies from East Africa to create a report that is a collaboration of 4 universities, namely University of Cape Town, University of Zambia, University of Witswatersand and Makarere University.
2. Liaise with the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights.	Using the results of the Due Diligence study, we aim to liaise and engage with the members of the African Commission including the Special Rapporteur for the Rights of Women in particular. This is in order to boost efforts to use regional mechanisms to advance the rights of women.
3. Use Due Dilligence Success as Template for other part of Africa	Use the work done in SADC and EAST Africa as a potential template/model for the same type of investigations in other parts of Africa especially in Francophone and Lusaphone countries.
4. Engage with Constitutional Drafting process on a Gender Perspective	Using the current engagement with the Draft Zambian Constitution as a model/template to engage with Constitutional processes happening in Zimbabwe, Malawi, North Africa and any other countries undergoing a Constitutional Review. This is in order to ensure that Women Rights are effectively recognised as Human Rights and that they will not be sacrificed for Customary law and Patriarchal attitudes.