

Education of girls and women is essential for positive and sustainable change. We believe that empowerment of women is highly unlikely without education. Vocational training for women is a prerequisite to enhance their economic and livelihood opportunities, and it should be based on train-the-trainer principle and should incorporate local knowledge systems..

Africa must use innovation to develop rural women user-friendly technologies both to reduce women's workload and to increase productivity.

Accountability and transparency is essential to enable women and women's organizations to actively participate in all sectors and at all levels of African development. Only then,. women of Africa can and will move from managing poverty to eradicating it.

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