

CALL FOR PAPER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENDER BRIEFS

The *African Women's Studies Centre*, University of Nairobi, in collaboration with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung wishes to commission 3 short thematic publications under the banner 'Gender Briefs' through this Call for Papers.

The publications will be clustered under three broad topics: Representation and Participation, Women and Devolution and Institutional Framework for Gender Mainstreaming in Kenya. Each thematic publication will have several sub-topics which will form individual chapters in the publication.

Interested writers/essayists are hereby invited to express their interest by sending a 300-WORD abstract on ANY ONE of the topics below to awskenya@uonbi.ac.ke and copied to awskenya@yahoo.ac.uk by **26th September, 2014**.

- i. Interpretation of constitutional/statutory gender and women related provisions e.g Article 27 (3), (8), Article 97 and Article 98 among others
- ii. Unpacking the gender rule and the Supreme Court Advisory Opinion of December 2012.
- iii. Drivers for systemic gender reforms: political, civil, state
- iv. "Beyond numbers" to transformative agenda related to women's representation (Best practices in the implementation of the gender rule)
- v. Beyond parliamentary representation: Women's representation in state corporations, public listed companies, County assemblies and executives, Judiciary, Civic leadership.
- vi. Devolution as a vehicle for transformation of women's lives: a reality?
- vii. Auditing women's agency at national and county levels
- viii. Article 43 (1) on social and economic rights and its impact on women's lives and their families
- ix. Institutional Framework for Advancement of Gender Equality in Kenya: National and county level.
- x. Analysis of recommended mechanisms for women's representation in Kenya's National Assembly and Senate
- xi. Lessons from documented best practices on institutional mechanisms for gender mainstreaming

The Gender Briefs will be primarily **advocacy publications** towards policy reform/implementation. The briefs will contribute critical assessment of the gender equality agenda and gender programming in Kenya, providing practical analysis. The target audience will be policy makers and implementers, reaching a secondary audience comprising academic researchers, civil society actors and development partners.