



2017 SADC PROTOCOL@WORK SUMMITS AND AWARDS

Local Action for a strong 2030 A-gender in Southern Africa!

For immediate release: Lesotho: Action and Results, the 2016 SADC Protocol Work summit moving ahead to Post 2015 SADC Gender Protocol and Sustainable Development Goals.

Quick facts:

- **56** participants – **35** Female, **21** male
- **50** entries – **31** women and **19** men, from **COE Institutional** category.
- **4** Female and **1** male runner ups
- **2** female and **2** male winners
- **50** councils represented.

Maseru 17 November 2017: The Lesotho SADC Protocol @ Work Summit under the theme Local Action for a strong 2030 A-gender in Southern Africa!

Empower women, End Violence which ran for two days of highly informative presentations was closed with the award ceremony to recognise outstanding presentations from Local government councils.

Gender Links, in partnership with and SADC Gender Protocol Alliance members organised the annual awards that brought together around the 50 local councils from the ten districts of Lesotho. The official opening of the summit focused on the theme for sixteen days for the country and the world at large. The award ceremony was filled with song and dance as winners were presented with certificates for the outstanding performances and their different colour coded certificates.

The judges gave participants feedback on their presentations and encouraged them to continue with the good work that they had presented. They complimented councils for the improvement that they have shown on their presentations over the years. Most of the councils have bought into the idea of documenting their evidence as this is very crucial for supporting their presentations.

GL prides itself in seeing the improvement in councils work and being able to take control of their different roles in their councils. The council will work hard in raising funds to help support the emerging entrepreneurs within their councils. The occasion was thrilled by the media presence at the award giving ceremony and that increased the GL Lesotho visibility in the country. For more information visit the Gender Links www.genderlinks.org.za or contact: Manteboheleng Mabetha, +266 22316755, lesmanager@genderlinks.org.za