



Country: Mozambique
Date: 18 March 2011
Venue: Hotel Cardoso, Maputo
Key note: Colleen Lowe Morna

The Southern African Gender Protocol Alliance convened a caucus meeting in Maputo. The meeting sought to bring together civil society organisations in Maputo working on gender issues to formalise into an Alliance network, operating at national level; to strategise for Mozambique to anchor the Lusophone Alliance Network ahead of the Heads of States Summit that will be held in Angola August 2011. Mukayi Makaya presented on the mission and structure of the Southern Africa Gender Protocol Alliance. Colleen Lowe Morna presented on the highlights and key findings of the SADC Gender Protocol 2010 Barometer. The issue of gender and climate change was raised with concern during the meeting.

Saquina Mucavele, Executive Director of MUGEDE- Mulher, Género e Desenvolvimento, a Maputo based organisation that deals with gender and climate change, made a presentation on the challenges faced by women in Mozambique as a result of the flooding. Macavele put a case for the Alliance to raise the issue of gender and climate change with SADC Gender Unit, noting that the SADC Gender and Development Protocol is silent on sustainable development. The Alliance Secretariat undertook to research SADC Protocols on climate change and to seek guidance from SADC Gender Unit on how to take up this matter at the SADC Ministers meeting in Angola, ahead of Heads of State Summit.