

Introductory Reading

## **Feminism in Africa, African Feminism**

### African feminist Journals

Agenda

Feminist Africa

Southern African Feminist Review (SAFERE) Harare: SAPES Trust. (Edited by Patricia MacFadden, published from 1991-1995)

### Edited collections

#### **Women Writing Africa 4 Volume Series:**

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Gbowee, Leymah. *Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer and Sex Changed a Nation at War*. New York: Beast Books, 2011.

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Imam, A. Mama, A. & Sow, F. *Engendering African Social Sciences*. Dakar: CODESRIA 1996.

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### **African Feminist Blogs:**

*The Wide Margin*, Varyanne Sika <https://thewidemargin.org>

*Ms Afropolitan*, <https://www.msafropolitan.com/2017/06/fakefeministopinion.html>

[African Feminism\(AF\)](#) A pan-African feminists digital space for exploring African feminisms though lived experiences.

*Black Looks:* Sokari Ekine Nigerian writer and photographer based in Haiti.

### [Links to Digital Materials](#)

[ABANTU for Development](#) , Pan African and Training & Development Network, Regional Office for West Africa, Accra.

[African Gender Institute](#), University of Cape Town

[African Feminist Forum](#) Regional gathering brings together African feminist activists to discuss strategy, refine approaches and develop stronger networks to advance women's rights in Africa.

[African Union Gender Policy](#) 2009

[African Union Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa](#) (2004)

[African Union Women's Directorate](#): promotes gender equality in Africa and within the AU

[African Women's Development Fund](#) a grantmaking foundation that supports local, national and regional women's organizations working towards the empowerment of African women and the promotion and realization of their rights .

[AGENDA](#) South African Feminist Journal, Empowering Women for Gender Equity

[Coalition of African Lesbians](#) is a feminist, activist and Pan-Africanist network of 14 organisations in 10 countries in sub-Saharan Africa committed to advancing freedom, justice and bodily autonomy for all women on the African continent and beyond.

[Akina Mama wa Afrika](#): international Pan-African NGO development organization for African women based in Kampala

[AWID](#): International feminist organization committed to gender equality, sustainable development, and women's human rights.

[DAWN](#) -Network of feminist scholars, researchers and activists from the economic South working for economic and gender justice and sustainable and democratic development.

[FEMNET](#) The African Women's Development and Communication Network is a pan-African, membership-based feminist network based in Nairobi with over 700 members across 46 African countries.

**Feminist Africa**: provocative African scholarship attuned to feminist agendas.

**Gender Links**: for equality and justice in southern Africa.

**ISIS-WICCE** Women's Cross-cultural International Exchange, based in Kampala

**School of Women and Gender Studies**, Makerere University

2018 Sexual Harassment Policy victory

2011 Sylvia Tamale 'Worst Women of the Year' (later 1<sup>st</sup> women Dean of Law at Makerere) publishes new book on African Sexualities [AWID](#)

**WILDAF Women in Law and Development in Africa**: Pan African network bringing together 500 organisations and 1200 individuals with a view to promoting a culture for the exercise and respect of women's rights in Africa.