

## OUR OBJECTIVES

- **Rights Defense and Promotion:** AIWO advocates for the protection and promotion of the rights of Indigenous Women at national, regional, and international levels.
- **Support for Victims of Violence and Genital Mutilation:** The organization works to assist Indigenous Women who are victims of violence, including female genital mutilation, by providing resources, protection, and counseling.
- **Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge and Resources:** AIWO aids Indigenous Women in maintaining their cultural heritage and the use of natural resources in sustainable ways that preserve their communities' traditional practices.
- **Property Rights:** AIWO campaigns for the safeguarding of Indigenous Women's property rights, ensuring they can secure a better quality of life in their own lands and territories.
- **Economic Development:** AIWO encourages sustainable economic growth in areas inhabited by Indigenous peoples, including facilitating entrepreneurship and job creation.
- **Human Rights Training:** AIWO organizes training sessions focused on Human Rights for Indigenous women, empowering them with the knowledge needed to protect and advocate for their own rights.



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# AFRICAN INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION



AIWO's vision is to empower and improve the livelihoods of African Indigenous Women for Sustainable Development. The organization seeks to ensure that Indigenous women are able to access and enjoy their rights to a decent standard of living, education, health care, and political participation.

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## ABOUT AIWO

The African Indigenous Women's Organization (AIWO) is a continent-wide NGO dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of Indigenous Women across Africa. Established in 1998 in Agadir, Morocco, AIWO operates in all regions of Africa, advocating for gender equality, cultural preservation, and economic empowerment.

## MISSION STATEMENT

AIWO's mission is to strengthen and enhance the capacity of African Indigenous Women by encouraging their participation in economic, social, and political spheres and by working to protect their rights. AIWO believes that empowering Indigenous women is fundamental to their ability to drive positive change within their communities.

## CORE VALUES

- Empowerment - Creating opportunities and ensuring inclusion.
- Excellence - Striving for growth and progress.
- Teamwork - Fostering collaboration and mutual support.
- Equality & Diversity - Embracing cultural diversity and inclusivity.
- Transparency & Accountability - Ensuring integrity in all actions.



## KEY FOCUS AREAS

1. Governance & Leadership - Advocating for the inclusion of Indigenous Women in leadership roles and decision-making processes.
2. Education & Empowerment - Providing training and mentorship programs to enhance personal, professional, and community development.
3. Reproductive Health Rights - Ensuring access to maternal health services, reproductive education, and advocacy against harmful practices.
4. Environmental Justice - Supporting sustainable land management and climate change adaptation to protect Indigenous resources.
5. Economic Development - Encouraging entrepreneurship and financial inclusion through skills training and microfinance access.
6. Cultural Preservation - Safeguarding Indigenous languages, traditions, and intergenerational knowledge transfer.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Global Engagement: AIWO members have participated in global forums on issues such as the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), land rights, Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), enhancing the global visibility and advocacy efforts of Indigenous Women.
- Increased Funding and Recognition: AIWO has facilitated funding from various donors, including the Foundation for a Just Society for Indigenous peoples in the Sahel region, and has helped Indigenous Women secure achievement awards for their advocacy work.
- Southern Africa Office: AIWO has successfully established a Southern Africa office, registered it, opened a bank account, and commenced operations in the region. New women and youth groups have joined, expanding the organization's impact in Southern Africa.
- Communication Strategy: AIWO has developed a successful communication strategy, including the creation of a WhatsApp group that enables Indigenous people to participate in discussions, share ideas, and exchange experiences.
- Expansion of Indigenous Women's Groups: New Indigenous Women's and youth groups have been formed in the areas where we operate.