CHALLENGES FOR 2022-2024

REFELA aims to meet these challenges by creating a more visible and active participation of elected local women officials and endeavour to the following:

• Promote REFELA
• Continue the implementation of National Chapters
• Stimulate local policies to integrate the issue of gender parity and equality
• Implementation of the newly adopted Local and Regional Government’s Charter for Gender Equality in Africa
• Follow up on the Implementation of the REFELA Campaigns
• Work towards giving the women of Africa an international voice and platform to inform the world of their success
• Identify partners for financial support.

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REFELA was formed in 2011 in Tangier, under the leadership of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa), with the support of the Kingdom of Morocco, for Pan-African level women Mayors and local elected officials.

REFELA is attached to UCLG Africa and has a Standing Committee on Gender Equality since 2016, which is represented in the Standing Committee for Gender Equality of UCLG World. REFELA is recognised as the voice of the elected local women officials by the United Nations and is structured in three territorial levels, Continental, Regional and National.

Network Structure

- **The General Assembly** is the highest decision-making structure of REFELA, which meets every three years.

- **The Commission** is elected by the General Assembly and has forty-five members. Each of the region is represented by nine members. The regions are Central, Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western.

- **The Board** is elected by the members of the Commission. It comprises of fifteen members, three from each of the five regions.

- **The Presidency** is elected from the members of the Board. It is comprised of five Vice-Presidents, one from each region.

VISION

We seek to build an equitable, inclusive and gender-sensitive Africa where gender equity prevails and communities mobilise to protect vulnerable children and ensure territorial inclusiveness in Africa. We will support initiatives that aimed at attaining empowerment of women and girls.

MISSION

To be the engine of change for equitability, empowerment of women and girls, protection of vulnerable children, and inclusiveness of all categories in difficulty.

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN 2022-2024

- Strengthen and increase membership of REFELA Network
- Work towards protection of children
- Work towards zero tolerance of violence against women and girls
- Continue work on mechanisms for economic empowerment of women
- Implement the Local and Regional Government’s Charter for Gender Equality in Africa
- Implement, monitor and evaluate the REFELA Campaigns
- Educate women to prioritise the building of green sustainable cities
- Leadership development for elected women and mobilise for parity in local politics
- Influence and mobilise partners and seek funding