



The role of African paintings in exposing Africa's rich tapestry

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A top-down view of a desk with various items: a laptop keyboard in the bottom center, a smartphone in the bottom left, a spiral notebook with a pen in the top right, and a pair of white earbuds in the middle right. The background is a light-colored surface.

Some of those roles

- 1.Preservation of culture and traditions
- 2.Celebrating diversity
- 3.Championing social and political issues
- 4.Economic empowerment
- 5.African identity and self presentaion

6.Cultural exchange and global connections

7.Inspiration for contemporary art





Gender Awareness

Sub-Saharan Africa has been making remarkable strides towards achieving legal gender equality. Between October 2021 and October 2022, seven countries in Sub-Saharan Africa implemented positive changes that have had a profound impact on women's participation in their economies

Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon's Remarkable Achievements

Notably, Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon emerged as trailblazers, enacting multiple reforms that enhance women's access to employment and finance. These reforms include the elimination of all restrictions on women's employment, the introduction of legislation protecting women from gender-based discrimination in financial services and domestic violence, and the mandate for equal remuneration for work of equal value. For the first time, both countries have achieved a score above 90 on the World Bank's Women, Business and the Law index, which measures equality of economic opportunity. A score of 100 indicates that women have equal rights as men, and countries scoring above 90 are typically associated with more developed economies.

In this journey towards gender equality, it is essential to recognize that empowering women is not a zero-sum game. When women are empowered, societies as a whole benefit from their talents, skills, and perspectives. By embracing gender equality, we unlock the full potential of half the population, leading to greater innovation, economic growth, and social progress.

Let us continue to champion gender equality and women's empowerment, working hand in hand to build a more inclusive, just, and prosperous world for all. Together, we can create a future where every individual, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to a better tomorrow.




A grayscale photograph of a desk setup. In the background, a spiral-bound notebook is open with a pen resting on it. In the foreground, a laptop keyboard is visible, and to the left, a smartphone is partially shown. The overall scene is clean and professional, serving as a background for the text.

Implications of the Reforms

The reforms undertaken by Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon have far-reaching implications for gender equality and women's empowerment. By eliminating restrictions on women's employment, these countries have opened up new avenues for women to pursue their professional aspirations. The legislation protecting women from gender-based discrimination in financial services and domestic violence ensures their safety and well-being. Additionally, the mandate for equal remuneration for work of equal value promotes fairness and equity in the workplace.

Building on this momentum, Togo made significant strides in November of 2022 by implementing four crucial legal changes. These reforms encompassed a range of important issues, such as prohibiting gender-based discrimination in access to credit, enacting legislation to address domestic violence, protecting pregnant mothers from dismissal, and equalizing rights related to marriage.

Africa's gender reform progress has been significantly bolstered by the collective efforts of countries and various stakeholders. Recognizing the importance of leveling the playing field and enhancing women's participation in the economy, the World Bank (WB) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) have played a supportive role in this transformative journey.

A top-down view of a clean, white desk. In the bottom left, a white smartphone is partially visible. Next to it is a silver laptop, showing its keyboard. To the right of the laptop is a grey, textured notebook with a black pen resting on it. Above the notebook, a pair of white earbuds lies on the desk. In the top right corner, a spiral-bound notebook is open, with a pencil resting on its page. The text "Thank you" is centered in the middle of the image.

Thank you