RWANDA FEMINIST FORUM

Membership Application Form.
Rwanda Feminist Forum (RWAFEM)

Welcome to The Rwanda Feminist Forum (RWAFEM) is a diverse intersectional collective of Rwandan feminists committed to working together towards realizing equality and justice in all its forms for all women and girls in all their diversity at all levels using human rights based and gender transformative approaches.

RWAFEM envisions a world where girls' and women's rights, gender equity and equality are a living reality for all.

RWAFEM commit to contribute to effective collective feminist organizing and voice for gender-transformative action, equality and justice for all girls and women in their diversity in Rwanda.

RWAFEM members bring with them diverse experiences in feminist movement building, advocacy for the human rights of girls and women and consciousness raising for justice. Membership is open to all women who identify as feminists in Rwanda including Rwandan based and diaspora and non-Rwandan living or connected to Rwanda. Members are individual feminists and feminist organizations that are connected to and engaged on issues affecting women and girls in all their diversities in Rwanda.

RWAFEM Core Values and Guiding Principles are rooted in the African Feminist Charter. RWAFEM members are expected to respect and be guided by the following 12 principles in their engagements and decisions and sign them:

1. **Women's Human Rights:** We uphold the universal, indivisible and inalienable human rights of all women and girls in their diversities.
2. **Choice and Autonomy:** We defend every woman's and girl's right to make informed decisions about her life and body, free from coercion and discrimination.
3. **Learning and Growth:** We promote continuous learning, mentorship, knowledge sharing and intergenerational feminist leadership.
4. **Challenging Discriminatory Norms:** We question and challenge patriarchal beliefs, cultural practices and social norms that perpetuate women's and girls' oppression.
5. **Safe Spaces and Sisterhood:** We nurture inclusive and respectful spaces where members feel safe, heard, valued and supported.
6. **Self-Care and Collective Care:** We recognize care, compassion, mutual support and wellbeing as essential feminist practices.
7. **Power and Privilege:** We reflect on our power and privilege and use our influence responsibly to advance collective interests and amplify marginalized voices.
8. **Dismantling Patriarchy:** We challenge and resist patriarchy, gender-based violence, discrimination and structural inequalities in all spaces.
9. **Feminist Positionality:** We recognized, document, amplify and celebrate feminist voices, experiences, histories and struggles.
10. **Inclusivity and Diversity:** We respect intersecting identities and lived experiences and commit to ensuring that every woman feels recognized and included.
11. **Solidarity and Alliance Building:** We build meaningful alliances and collective action in solidarity with diverse feminist movements and struggles.
12. **Openness, Transparency and Accountability:** We uphold integrity, transparency, democratic participation and mutual accountability in all our engagements.

Notes: We have two separate membership application forms.

- Form1: Individual membership Application
- Form1: Organization membership Application form.

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FORM1: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

- A woman who identifies as feminist.
- Connected, working and interested in women and girls' issues in all their diversities.
- Membership is not transferred or delegated.

The Form include the following sections:

1. **Individual Profile and Background**
2. **Motivation and Commitment to feminist principles**
3. **Wellness and Personal Preferences**
4. **Membership fees and Declaration**

Fill the Online form https://forms.gle/11PWUZaPxSdSYr4n8

1. **Individual Profile and Background**: We can't wait to get to know you!
(Personal information, Education, work, referral)

- Full Name:
- Date of Birth:
- Gender Identity (all women and girls in all their diversity):
- Nationality:
- Current Location (District / City / Country):
- Email Address:
- Phone Number (Call):
- (WhatsApp):
- Social Media Address: (Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), LinkedIn and Other relevant platforms:
- Current Occupation and Employer / Institution (paid or nonpaid, employed or self-employed,
- Expertise and Experience (Field of Study, Education Level, work and Experience including professional paid, farming or unpaid care work. The forum may have opportunity in specific expertise and inform members)
- Referral & Network: How did you hear about RWAFEM? (Social Media, Friends, RWAFEM member (Who), event, others)

- New or Returning RWAFEM member? (*Your feedback will help us strengthen our collective experience and sisterhood).* When were you previously a member? What were the reasons for your departure or becoming inactive? What could we improve to make your experience more meaningful this time?

2. **Feminist Motivation and Commitment to Collective Action**
(personal motivation and commitment, Feminism understanding, Community Engagement; Interest and participation in Collective Action)

Motivation and Understanding:

- Why do you want to join the Rwanda Feminist Forum?
- What do you hope to gain from the forum?
- What do you hope to contribute to the forum?
- How do you define feminism in your own words?
- How do you define and respect diversity?

Community Engagement:

- Are you currently involved in any community groups or organizations that advocate for human rights and gender equality?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please specify:
- Have you previously participated in feminist, women's rights, or social justice initiatives?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please describe your role:
- Do you see issues of inequalities in your community? If yes, what are they and what are you most passionate about addressing?

Participation & Interests

- Are you willing to actively participate in RWAFEM activities?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Occasionally
- Areas of interest (select all that apply):
☐ Advocacy
☐ Community outreach
☐ Research
☐ Digital campaigns
☐ Events & coordination
☐ Education & training
☐ Wellness & sisterhood activities
☐ Policy engagement

3. **Wellness and Personal Preferences**

- What makes you feel welcomed, valued, supported and comfortable in a community space?

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- What is your most celebrated life event? (e.g. graduation, motherhood, personal milestone, etc.)
- Your preference: What is your favorite food and color? What kinds of gifts or gestures make you feel appreciated? (e.g. books, experiences, personal items, cultural/handmade gifts, messages or other). What your preferred name?
- Your boundaries: What situations or behaviors tending to offend or make you uncomfortable, unsafe, excluded in a community spaces?

- Care and Support During Difficult Moments**:** When going through a difficult moment in life, such as illness, grief (loss of a loved one, separation), another personal challenge, how would you prefer your RWAFEM sisters to show care and support?

  ☐ Physical presence or a personal visit
  ☐ A phone call
  ☐ A text or WhatsApp message
  ☐ Flowers or a thoughtful gift
  ☐ Practical support or assistance: Financial or material support, where possible
  ☐ Respecting my privacy and giving me space
  ☐ Other (please specify): _____

- Is there anything else you would like RWAFEM to know to help create a supportive, respectful and caring sisterhood?

4. Membership Fees & Declaration of Commitment

A. Annual Membership Fees

To support the Forum's basic operational functions RWAFEM introduced an annual membership contribution effective from 2027. Membership fees are payable **only after the membership application has been reviewed and approved**. Payments must be made to the official **membership account**.

The annual membership fees are as follows:

- **Rwandan feminist nationals:** 30,000 RWF
- **Other African feminist nationals:** 50 USD
- **Non-African Feminist nationals:** 100 USD

B. Declaration of Commitment

(New member should understand that failure to uphold RWAFEM's values, principles, internal rules and conflict management procedures may result in appropriate accountability measures, including a formal warning, temporary suspension or permanent termination of membership, in accordance with the Forum's established procedures.)

I hereby confirm that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that RWAFEM membership is based on alignment with the Forum's mission, vision, feminist principles, core values and membership guidelines.

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I further acknowledge that, upon acceptance, I will be required to read, sign and commit to respecting and upholding the RWAFEM Core Values and Guidelines in all my engagements and participation within the Forum.

Applicant's Full Name and (Signature Equivalent): _____

Date: _____

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