



Lagos, Nigeria - 11, 12 and 13 March 2026

# V INTERNATIONAL RURAL WOMEN CONFERENCE

African Voices Sowing the Future  
Leadership, resilience and sustainability from rural areas



## LAGOS DECLARATION 2026

### " African Voices Sowing the Future: Leadership, Resilience, and Environmental Sustainability "

#### PREAMBLE

We, women leaders and rural representatives from Africa and the Global South, gathered in Lagos (Nigeria) from March 11 to 13, 2026, for the V International Encounter, reaffirm our alliance with REDMUJERES.NET.

This gathering is historic; because it is taking place during the International Year of the Woman Farmer (2026) and the UN Decade of Family Farming (2019-2028), milestones that recognize our vital role in food security and sustainability of the planet.

Inspired by our cultural and ancestral wealth, we undertake the following commitments:

#### I. LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE:

- **Objective:** To strengthen public representation and generational succession.
- **Representation and Succession:** To demand regulatory frameworks that guarantee the presence of rural women and youth in decision-making spaces, promoting political training programs that ensure a generational transition with identity and values.
- **Public Ethics:** To exercise transparent and responsible leadership, rejecting corruption and political harassment to strengthen trust in our communities.

#### II. ECONOMIC AUTONOMY AND FAMILY FARMING

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**Objective:** To promote entrepreneurship and financial justice.

- **Sovereignty and Resources:** To strengthen family farming and equitable access to land, water, and financing. We will promote solidarity economy networks that ensure our autonomy and access to fair markets.
- **Gender-Responsive Investment:** To demand public budgets that recognize the economic value of our work and finance sustainable productive projects in rural areas.

### III. CLIMATE JUSTICE AND PACT

- **Objective:** To recognize women as guardians of biodiversity.
- **Green and Circular Economy:** To lead the ecological transition through sustainable production practices, integrating environmental innovation with respect for the earth and biodiversity.
- **Environmental Sovereignty:** To reaffirm our role as guardians of water, forests, and ancestral knowledge, demanding that climate justice be a transversal axis in all rural development and trade policies.

### IV. RIGHT TO A LIFE FREE OF VIOLENCE

- **Objective:** Comprehensive protection against harassment and discrimination.
- **Eradication of Violence:** Zero tolerance for political, institutional, economic, and domestic violence. We commit to developing prevention protocols and local support networks to guarantee safe environments and effective justice for all.

### V. ADVOCACY AND MONITORING MECHANISMS

*Chiwelo Ujebuonu*  
*Chiwelo*

*Chinwe J. Igwe*  
*C.J. Igwe*

*Odion Ikyo*  
*Odion*

*Hope*  
*Hope*

