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SEASON 1 : DEC 2025 – MAR 2026

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INTRODUCTION

The Women in Geopolitics Debate Series is a high-level dialogue platform that convenes former diplomats, policy experts, political leaders, scholars, and practitioners to examine Africa's geopolitical positioning within an increasingly complex global order.

The series is designed to **amplify women's voices** in international affairs, deepen strategic and geopolitical literacy, and equip African women with the analytical tools necessary to influence policy, governance, peace, and security at the highest levels.

Structured into thematic Seasons, each composed of weekly debate sessions, the programme explores critical continental issues through sharp analysis, expert perspectives, and informed dialogue.

This platform empowers African women to:

- Understand and interpret global power dynamics
- Participate in high-level geopolitical dialogue
- Influence public policy and governance
- Strengthen Africa's voice in international decision-making

Building on the momentum of the successful G20 Series, the December edition marks the official launch of Season 1 of the Women in Geopolitics Programme.

SEASON 1 THEME (DEC 2025 – MAR 2026) : “THE AFRICAN UNION AT A CROSSROADS: POWER, REFORM & AFRICA’S GLOBAL FUTURE”

This season examines the African Union's institutional strengths, governance challenges, diplomatic presence, and future role in global power dynamics.

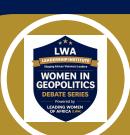
Speakers are invited from across Africa's diplomatic, governance, academic, and thought-leadership communities.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

- Ambassadors and diplomats.
- Representatives from African Union and regional economic blocs.
- Women in leadership positions within government, business, and international organizations.
- Scholars and experts in geopolitics, international relations, and diplomacy.
- Leaders from civil society organizations advocating for gender-inclusive governance.

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Expert Insights: Gain deep knowledge on global geopolitical trends and their impact on Africa.
- Diplomatic Strategies: Learn practical approaches for navigating geopolitical challenges and securing national interests.
- Networking Opportunities: Connect with influential female leaders and policymakers.
- Empowerment: Engage in discussions that strengthen women's leadership in diplomacy and governance.
- Policy Influence: Contribute to shaping policies that enhance Africa's global positioning and economic resilience.



SESSION SCHEDULE – SEASON 1

December 2025

- Episode 1 – Fri, 5 Dec: APRM & Democratic Governance
- Episode 2 – Fri, 12 Dec: AU Peace, Security & Global Diplomacy

Holiday Break (No sessions: 13 Dec – 15 Jan)

January 2026

- Episode 3 – Fri, 23 Jan: Africa's Collective Security Question: Is the AU Protecting Its Member States?

Episode 4 – Fri, 30 Jan: Unending Wars in Africa: DRC, Sudan and the Limits of AU & Regional Responses

February 2026

- Episode 5 – Fri, 6 Feb: Coups, Militarisation and Democratic Breakdown: What Has the AU Failed to Prevent?
- Episode 6 – Fri, 13 Feb: Africa's Youth on the Move: Migration, Insecurity and the Search for Dignity
- Episode 7 – Fri, 20 Feb: The AU and BRICS+: Strategic Opportunity or New Dependency?
- Episode 8 – Fri, 27 Feb: Why Are There So Few Female Presidents in Africa? Structural Barriers and AU Responsibility

March 2026

- Episode 9 – Fri, 6 Mar: Women in Power: Can the AU Accelerate Women's Access to Executive Leadership?
- Episode 10 – Fri, 13 Mar: AU, AfCFTA and Economic Sovereignty: Can Trade Reduce Conflict and Migration?
- Episode 11 – Fri, 20 Mar: Africa at the Global Table: Is AU Membership in the G20 Delivering Real Influence?
- Episode 12 – Fri, 27 Mar (Finale): SEASON FINALE: Reimagining the African Union: What Must Change by 2030 for Africa to Be Secure and Sovereign?

ABOUT LEADING WOMEN OF AFRICA (LWA)

Leading Women of Africa (LWA) is a Pan-African organisation dedicated to advancing women's leadership, entrepreneurship, and regional integration.

Our mission is to equip women to become influential leaders, successful entrepreneurs, and active contributors to Africa's socio-economic transformation.

Through strategic programmes, partnerships, and media engagement, LWA supports women to participate fully in the continent's development agenda and in the realisation of Agenda 2063, The Africa We Want

*LWA also hosts **Beyond Boundaries**, a Pan-African thought-leadership platform amplifying African perspectives on geopolitics, governance, leadership, and development through high-level virtual and in-person events, media articles and YouTube Channel.*

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