



NATIONAL COALITION
ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION &
CONTENT MODERATION IN KENYA

RESOLUTION

adopted by the members of the
**National Coalition on Freedom of
Expression and Content Moderation in Kenya**

ON ADDRESSING GENDERED DISINFORMATION AND
HATE SPEECH ON DIGITAL PLATFORMS IN KENYA



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The National Coalition on Freedom of Expression and Content Moderation in Kenya,

Reaffirming its commitment to advance the localisation of efforts to address hate speech and disinformation while promoting freedom of expression online in Kenya,

Drawing on regional and global frameworks and emerging best practices including those from the AU, EU, UNESCO and other relevant instruments to effectively combat gendered disinformation and hate speech on digital platforms, **resolves to:**

- 1. Acknowledge** gendered disinformation and hate speech on digital platforms in Kenya as an urgent concern, necessitating immediate action and concerted efforts by various stakeholders;
- 2. Recognise** existing gaps in research on gendered disinformation and hate speech on digital platforms, emphasising the need for increased understanding in critical areas;
- 3. Engage** academia and other relevant stakeholders to conduct periodic research, making findings available as reference material for informed policy formulation and legislative development;
- 4. Promote** Media and Information Literacy (MIL) and digital competencies among the public as a fundamental strategy to counter gendered disinformation and hate speech on digital platforms;
- 5. Advocate** for the promotion and protection of the rights of all individuals, particularly freedom of expression on digital platforms in Kenya, by safeguarding and implementing existing legal and policy frameworks;
- 6. Adopt** multi-stakeholder and intersectional approaches, collaborating with government agencies, regulators, and key sector players to collectively address issues related to gendered disinformation and potentially harmful content, including hate speech on digital platforms;
- 7. Propose** the integration of Media and Information Literacy (MIL) and digital competencies within the educational curriculum (formal and informal) to address gendered disinformation and hate speech on digital platforms effectively;
- 8. Leverage** the Coalition's expertise and networks to engage, promote and curate local-led initiatives and innovations to provide homegrown solutions to gendered disinformation and hate speech on digital platforms;
- 9. Advocate** for psychosocial support to victims and survivors of gendered disinformation and hate speech on digital platforms;
- 10. Engage** big tech platforms to enhance safety, redress, and security mechanisms, ensuring accountability and responsibility in addressing gendered disinformation and hate speech on digital platforms.



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