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GRRIPP Africa is proud to announce a partnership with Southern African Society of Disaster Reduction (SASDiR) for the Fifth Biennial Conference, taking place between 26th and 28th October 2022 in Blantyre, Malawi. The conference is hosted by the African Centre for Disaster in partnership with the Sustainable Development Initiative (SDI), the Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST), and the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) – Government of Malawi. An estimated 150 practitioners and thought leaders in Southern Africa’s field of disaster risk reduction will attend the event.

This feat enables GRRIPP Africa to establish and sustain relationships that are aligned with our strategic objectives, and expands our network throughout the African continent in leading discourses on intersectional gender responsiveness. Entailed in this partnership are the following activities and deliverables during the conference:

- Hosting a World Café (Resilience & Transformation Workshop) for gathering insight on practitioner/academic/decision makers/community.
- “All of Me” Activity – document responses from attendees to highlight intersectional perspectives of identity of disaster/climate change role players in Southern Africa.
- A report derived from data gathered from World Café participatory activity.



In addition to this, we're looking forward to showcasing ground-breaking endeavours and impact by our grantee partners, which we gallantly support. To this end, Echoes of Humanity (Zimbabwe), FIDA Uganda (Uganda), and Gender Climate Change Coalition Tanzania (Tanzania) will each present papers at the conference. FIDA Uganda is scheduled to host a "Pre-Screening" of their documentary on gender-based violence against women working in Kampala Markets. "These activities are initiated and led by GRRIPP Africa Monitoring and Evaluations Officer (Dr Kylah Forbes-Gibbs), Communications Officer (Omogolo Taunyane-Mnguni), and Finance Assistant (Sthabile Ndlovu).

"Disaster risk reduction isn't afforded large audience in our discourses on gender. Our partnership challenges that institutionalised inertia to highlight the intersecting nature of global challenges, lived experiences, and solutions," said GRRIPP Africa Project Lead, Prof Cheryl Potgieter. She added that she "looks forward to the team achieving our planned objectives", wishing the team extract enriched value and experience from this engagement.

SASDiR Co-founder, Maynard Nyirenda, added that "governments in SADC region must ensure that economic recovery from the negative impacts of tropical cyclones, droughts, COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, are risked informed, systemic, gender responsive, and addresses the underlying social and economic drivers."

We continue to explore engagements that promote the ethos of the GRRIPP network and accelerate intersectional, sustainable solutions for the benefit of marginalised communities on the African continent.