

Recommendations proposed by Italian women's organisations during the meeting held in Rome on 22nd March 2017 on Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial conference's preparation on "Women's Empowerment" to be held in Cairo in September 2017:

1. Facilitating women's mobility in urban and rural areas and guaranteeing their safety on public transport.
2. Establishing a priority channel for women refugees' needs in order to implement sustainable actions and to avoid and prevent the violence they suffer during their journeys, in the refugee camps and in the asylum centres.
3. Facilitating governments' recognition and listening of civil society from governments.
4. Addressing the strengthening of economic autonomy by linking it to programs on: women's sexual and reproductive rights, fighting gender stereotypes and reinforcing girls and women's education.
5. Systematically collecting data on gender and age so that information concerning young women between 15 and 20 years of age can be gathered and relevantly used.
6. Strengthening women's rights in the framework of actions to safeguard human rights.
7. Promoting the dissemination of cultural programmes – in schools and in other educational settings – aimed at raising awareness among boys and girls on gender diversity and at guaranteeing the inclusion of less educated women.
8. Facilitating the integration of women in Halal certification bodies operating in the southern shores of the Mediterranean.
9. Ensuring that programmes and initiatives related to gender are adequately funded in order to ensure their effective implementation.