Record Nr. UNINA9910781887403321 African feminism: the politics of survival in sub-Saharan Africa // **Titolo** edited by Gwendolyn Mikell Pubbl/distr/stampa Philadelphia:,: University of Pennsylvania Press,, c1997 **ISBN** 1-283-21124-6 9786613211248 0-8122-0077-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (392 pages) Disciplina 305.42/0967 Soggetti Women in development - Africa, Sub-Saharan Feminism - Africa, Sub-Saharan Women - Africa, Sub-Saharan - Social conditions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto pt. 1. Legal interactions in the domestic realm -- pt. 2. Economic change, political economy, and women's lives -- pt. 3. Surviving crisis in the community. African feminism, this landmark volume demonstrates, differs radically Sommario/riassunto from the Western forms of feminism with which we have become familiar since the 1960's. African feminists are not, by and large, concerned with issues such as female control over reproduction or variation and choice within human sexuality, nor with debates about essentialism, the female body, or the discourse of patriarchy. The feminism that is slowly emerging in Africa is distinctly heterosexual, pronatal, and concerned with "bread, butter, and power" issues. Contributors present case studies of ten African states, demonstrating

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