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Members Update, issue 21

Welcome to another members update. We are happy to inform you regularly, as it shows there is much relevant actions to follow. Do you have any suggestions of what to share with members? Email us at: info@wide-network.org

WIDE (Austria) is inviting you to an online Conference "Global Inequalities in the covid-19 Pandemic", 13 and 14 November, 2020

WIDE (Austria) invites you to this online Austrian Development Conference on "*Global inequalities in the covid-19 pandemic*", which is co-hosted by WIDE in Austria. WIDE (Austria) is the Austrian network for women in development and a member of WIDE+.

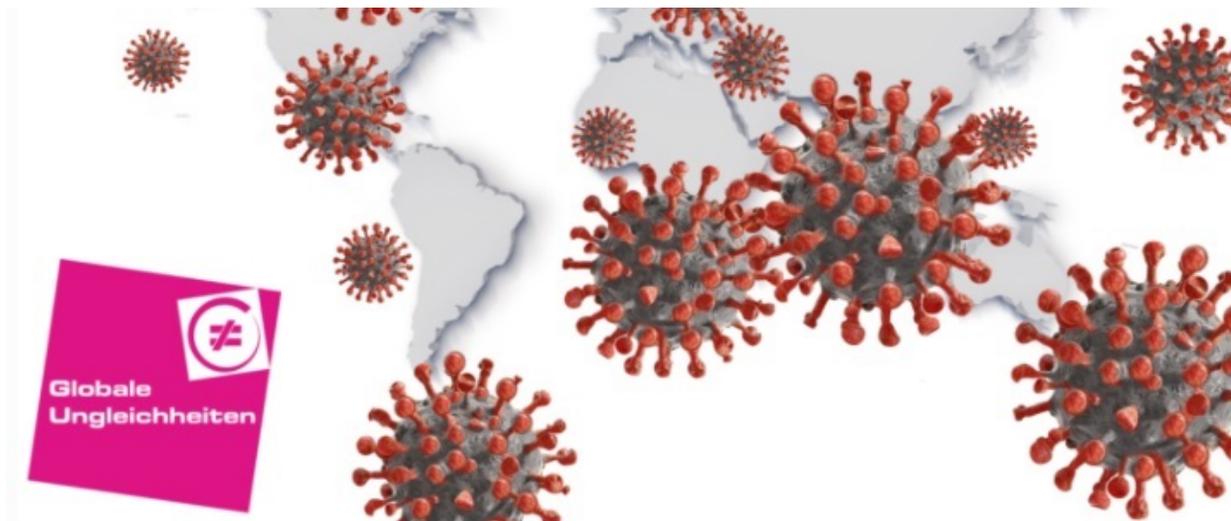
The conference is in English, with many relevant and wellknown experts from around the world. The panels with the speakers from Latin America are with Spanish and English interpretation.

Date: 13 and 14 November; sessions from 10.00-12.00 and 14.00-16.00 (CET)

Registration: <https://entwicklungstagung.at/anmeldung-registration-to-webet2020-global-inequalities-in-the-context-of-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

[Further information](#) and [Speakers](#).

Kindly share the invitation with your members and colleagues! You can do this easily through copy and paste of this text.



WIDE+ response to non-paper by 10 EU member states around promoting gender equality through trade policy: a step back for women's rights

Response of WIDE+ Gender and Trade working group, 11 November 2020, written by Gea Meijers

[Download the response in PDF](#)

On 9 November 2020 10 EU member states published a non-paper to encourage the European Commission to include gender equality and women's economic empowerment in Trade Policy. The paper was proposed by the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Finland, Denmark, Spain and Sweden ([link to document](#)).

The non-paper gives **a very important signal to the EU commission to prioritize gender in its trade policy**. In this regards it sets an example for other countries to follow suit. In terms of its narrative this non-paper is a step backwards from the recommendations put forward by the European Parliament in 2018 in ensuring women's rights are respected in trade policy.

The WIDE+ European working group on gender and trade are concerned about the narrative in which a lot of the recommendations that could be very beneficial to women are framed in this non-paper that sets out to ignore harmful and negative impacts of trade policy.

We are pessimistic that through **the exclusion of necessary recommendations to protect women's rights, the non-paper will do little to counter harmful impacts** of trade agreements on women and in regards to promoting gender equality.

Is it realistic to promote further protection of interests of companies (including investment) while expecting this will benefit at the same time grassroots women in the informal sector or as small scale farmers? (illustration by [Anastasiia_New](#) and [Tetkoren](#)).



Binding treaty negotiations to end transnational companies impunity around the world

By Margaux Bolzan, 11 November 2020

This article provides an introduction and update into the negotiations for a binding treaty on business and human rights, outlining why it is important for feminists to keep pushing for this treaty, given the profoundly unequal and notably disproportionate effects on women through the activities of transnational companies.

To read or download the article: <https://wp.me/p2KSLS-1Jv>

Webinar "Global trade rules: What does it mean for women

in small-scale fisheries?", 18 November, 2020, 10.00 CET

This webinar is brought to you by the Pacific Network on Globalisation (PANG), Third World Network (TWN), the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) and the Gender and Trade Coalition (GTC) of which WIDE+ is a steering group member.

[Register here](#)

There will be interpretation in **French, Spanish and Portuguese**, next to the use of **English**.

While large scale industrial fishing dominate in many developed and in some developing countries, in most developing countries fishing is run by numerous small-scale fishers. The role of women is often undermined in such systems, but in reality they form the backbone of small-scale fisheries. They are not only engaged in fishing, they are also key workers in supportive activities such as fish drying, cleaning, processing, and retailing.

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) is currently engaged in negotiating rules to discipline subsidies that lead to overfishing and destruction of marine resource. The political dynamics of the negotiations indicate it may be small fishers and fish-workers who will lose out in the power-play.

At the same time, an increasing number of bilateral and regional Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are being negotiated globally which target to remove actual import duties allowing free import of fish into many developing countries, creating potential competition for domestic, especially small-scale fishers.

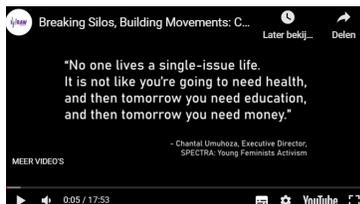


***Global trade rules:
What does it mean for
women in small-scale
fisheries?***

*18th of November, 2020
at 10 am Brussels, 11am Johannesburg,
12 pm Nairobi/Addis Ababa, 2.30 pm
India, 8pm Sydney/Melbourne
and 9 pm Suva*

**Organised by
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the Gender and Trade Coalition (GTC) and
the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF)***

International Women's Rights Action Watch (IWRAP) Asia Pacific video "[Breaking Silos, Building Movements: Connecting Gender Equality and Macroeconomics](#)'.



New articles COVID: [Women's labor force participation set back three years due to COVID-19](#)

[Revealed: \\$280m 'dark money' spent by US Christian right groups globally](#)

[A Green Recovery: The Case for Climate-Forward Stimulus Policies in America's COVID-19 Recession Response](#)

How can you measure the [surge in unpaid care work](#) that women are disproportionately providing during the pandemic/

Oxfam has just released a [toolkit to provide guidance on using its Household Care Survey \(HCS\) methodology](#).

EIGE is organizing an online conference: **‘Violence against women and COVID-19: How do we tackle two pandemics at once?’**, on 18 November 2020.

It will explore how the pandemic affected access to services (including helplines and shelters) and discuss the most promising measures and strategies put in place in EU Member States. Please [register](#) to the event by 16 November.

The Post-Colonialisms Today project and Third World Network-Africa invite you to [join](#) a **virtual workshop on the struggle for natural resource sovereignty in Africa, from colonialism to today.**

It will share lessons from our research and advocacy work, invite new allies, and welcome registrants to engage in small group discussions. Please sign up at bit.ly/DecolResources

Join DAWN for the webinar: **"Our Labour Rights and the Assault of Corporate Power: Feminist Visions and Alternatives,"** on November 17.

<https://bit.ly/SFEwebinar>
Simultaneous translation in Spanish/English



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