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Members Update, issue 22

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GADIP Webinar: "Mexico, Increasing Gender Based Violence and Increasing Feminist Protests", 30 November 2020, 18.15-20.00 CET

WIDE+ member in Sweden, GADIP, is organizing an online webinar in English (with possible Swedish translations) on Monday evening 30 November. Three Mexican activists will speak about their experiences and the situation regarding gender based violence as well as the enormous wave of feminist protests in Mexico.

Speakers:

- Norma Don Juan, Mujeres Indígenas de México, CONAM
- Maru Romero, Equidad de Género, Ciudadania, Trabajo y Familia A.A.
- Gady Dircio, Equidad de Género, Ciudadania, Trabajo y Familia A.A.

Registration with Edmé Dominguez, edme.dominguez@gu.se

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Göteborgs Universitet

Öppna seminarier om Latinamerika, Institutionen för globala studier

Ayotzinapa Sverige, Förening för MR i Mexico

Chile Despertó Ungdomar Göteborg

Monday 30 November 18.15 - 20.00

Open Webinar given in English, translated to Swedish if necessary

Please register your attendance to:

edme.dominguez@gu.se

WIDE+ will offer basic training into the use of social media end of January 2021 for members who register

The WIDE+ migration and gender Working Group is developing a three module course for WIDE+ members, for those working on female migrant rights and other members. Module 1 will be a beginner's guide to using social media tools like Twitter, Facebook, zoom, Instagram, or other tools for strategic communication.

Each module will be planned for 1,5 hours online, with the possibility of an hour in addition for questions and further training. The modules will be available for all members, including volunteers and members of member associations. Information about the other two modules will follow in December and January.

WIDE+ will tailor the training "a beginner's guide to using social media and other online tools" to the incoming registrations of members with a minimum of 5 registrants in order for the module to be offered in live training. **Members who are interested, are kindly asked to register with Gea Meijers before 17 December, gea.meijers23@gmail.com.**

Share your activities for the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence", 25 November to 10 December

The UN System's annual [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#) campaign, held from 25 November to 10 December, will take place under our 2020 global theme: "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!".

WIDE+ would like to find out what activities members and partners are planning in the context of the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence", in order to establish connections between different organizers of activities and amplify the messages of each.

Kindly share your activity or campaign action with Hidayah Hassan, hassan@wideplus.info

One activity to look out for is the Rally "Stop Violence against refugee Women" on 25 November, organized by a coalition of migrant women groups in Berlin, Germany, by among others International Women's Space. For further information: [Women in exile stop violence against refugee women rally](#).



Hohenleipisch – Eisenhüttenstadt – or elsewhere:
Stop violence against refugee women!
“No Lager for Women and children!
Abolish all lagers!”

Women In Exile – Stop Violence against Refugee Women* RALLY for 25. November

25.11.20 @ 12:00 – 15:00 Rally in front of the BAMF and Eisenhüttenstadt Lager, Poststraße 72, 15890 Eisenhüttenstadt (Brandenburg)

Seeking expert feminists in demilitarization, disarmament, etc. for transnational PWAG webinar 2021

WIDE+ member Annemarie Sancar is seeking suggestions for expert feminists, especially young expert feminists. She is part of PWAG that are planning a webinar session on ***feminist peace policy, discussing the responsibilities and roles of global north, mainly Europe in fueling armament and militarization and cooping with war industries***. The webinar will take place on 8 March. PWAG wants to give a platform to ***young feminists for sharing ideas*** about the challenges and strategies of feminist peace policy.

If you have suggestions, please reach out to Gea Meijers, who will forward the suggestion(s), gea.meijers23@gmail.com.

WO=MEN, the Dutch Gender Platform's analysis for a gender-responsive EU Trade Policy, new document available

WIDE+ member, WO=MEN, the Dutch Gender Platform has shared its recommendations for the upcoming EU Trade Strategy. One of their main conclusions from ongoing monitoring of EU trade policy on its gendered impacts, is that the EU has a long road ahead to make sure its policy is contributing to gender equality and the protection of women's rights. EU's current gender equality measures in trade policy are too limited in its focus on promoting certain groups of women into global trade. This will create ineffective impacts and can even be harmful to its objective. **Mainstreaming a gender perspective through trade policy based on a 'do-no-harm principle' is the way forward.**

[20.11.14a Input WOMEN Dutch Gender Platform into EU Trade Policy Consultation](#)



WIDE+ initiated a Public Letter to the European Commission to ask for support waiver in WTO for the prevention, containment & treatment of COVID-19

As feminist groups in partnership with many other civil society networks, we have urgently requested support for the unconditional adoption of the proposed “Waiver from certain provisions of the TRIPS Agreement for the prevention, containment and treatment of COVID-19,” (Waiver Proposal) **which is critical for governments to ramp up production and make prevention and treatment options available and accessible to all. This will mitigate women and gender non-conforming people being forced to give up access to this health care and bear a disproportionate**

burden of this pandemic.

WIDE+, its member associations and other civil society networks and associations asked Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President for the European Commission in the role of 'an Economy that works for People', including trade policy for supporting this waiver towards upcoming negotiations in the WTO.

Download the letter: [WIDE+ Demand-a-TRIPS-Waiver-for-COVID-19 18 Nov 2020](#)

The letter that WIDE+ sent out was undersigned by 11 member and allied networks. The same letter is also sent to other governments by the Gender and Trade Coalition and Women's Working Group on Financing for Development in collaboration with Third World Network, undersigned by 60 feminist associations and networks worldwide. And similar letters are sent by other associations thanks to the information gathered by Medicines sans Frontieres.



New Report Gambling with Our Lives: Confronting Global Health and Climate Emergencies in the Age of Financialisation (English and Spanish)

This new rapport (see picture above) from Citizens for Financial Justice was launched this week. The association is one of the partners of WIDE+ member KULU's project:

'Finance Gender Equality and Women's Rights'.

The report seeks to provide a political economy perspective on the converging climate and health emergencies (from their root causes to their preparedness systems), introducing some of the key issues and trends that both have in common.

It also maps potential civil society groups and policy convergence spaces in which activists and advocates can take action towards building a more equitable, feminist and environmentally sustainable post-COVID-19 future.

The link for [the report](#).

Women in the Western Balkans -rights and fights, Boell Stiftung Magazine.

The feminist edition of Perspectives Magazine, a regional publication published annually by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, focuses on gender and feminism in the Western Balkans. Discussing the issues of gender violence, political participation, economic relations, ecology, activism, physicality and from the perspective of female scientists, activists, journalists and writers, the magazine suggests that in order to achieve women's rights in the region, we should not get tired and give up.

The European Commission, in cooperation with the EEAS and the German Presidency of the EU, will hold a **high-level event on 25 November 2020** to launch the new **EU Gender Action Plan – "An ambitious agenda for gender equality and women's empowerment in EU external action (GAP III)"**

It will also focus on EU's plans for the Beijing+25 review. To register: <https://towards-gender-equal-world-eu.b2match.io/>

Development banks should do more to deliver on gender equality

A new report released by Gender Action, an NGO working for gender equality, cosponsored by NGO Forum on the ADB, Oxfam and Recours concludes that investment projects in developing countries of public multilateral development banks, also called international financial institutions (IFIs), must more aggressively promote gender equality and environmental safety.

The mega free trade agreement in (Eastern) Asia and Australia, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), has been signed on 15 November 2020.

Economic experts, business owners, civil society organisations and parliamentarians have expressed their concerns on the destructive effects this can have on developing countries' balance of trade, and increasing pressure for governments to privatize, **deepening the intersectional inequalities women in developing countries face.**

Watch this [webinar recording](#) and this campaign [video](#). APWLD has also issued a [statement](#). On social media, use the hashtags #NoRCEP #RCEP to disseminate these messages.

[The EU Parliament has called this week for a Feminist Foreign Policy](#)

"Canada, France, and Mexico claim to have one. Denmark, Norway, and Switzerland have a strong focus on gender equality, while Cyprus, Luxembourg, and Spain have announced an intent to develop a such policy or to make gender equality a priority. A feminist foreign policy aims to think of gender equality in all areas of the field: aid, trade, diplomacy, defence and security".



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