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Do you have any suggestions of what to share with members? Email us at: info@wide-network.org.

The next WIDE+ Members update will be published in the last week of August

WIDE+ secretariat can be reached throughout the summer. You can write to Gea Meijers, info@wide-network.org during July. Kindly write in August to Hidayah Hassan, hassan@wideplus.org.

"Voices of (anti-war) feminists from Russia today", Report of a dialogue with four women activists in Russia

Being a Russian feminist nowadays means not only oppression from the state but also isolation and discrimination from outside Russia. How do four different women activists that are against the war in Ukraine deal with this? This was the topic of our webinar on 21 June with four activists living in Russia. It shared their stories and provided answers to questions from the participants.

The event is part of WIDE+ new webseminar series: "Feminist reflections to promote peace in Ukraine and beyond". War is the most extreme form of violent patriarchy and nationalism against which we as feminists struggle. In September and October, we will continue with this webinar series offering a range of webinars.

The report can be read at our site.

Response from the President of the EU Parliament on WIDE+ letter regarding the war against Ukraine
Roberta Metsola, the president of the EU Parliament responded to WIDE+'s letter to promote peace in Ukraine and beyond. In the letter she suggests that the Parliament agrees with many of our recommendations, in particular stressing the important role of women and local civil society in addressing the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and in peacebuilding.

**Metsola responds:** "The European Parliament strongly agrees that there can be no promotion of peace, nor peace building, without taking gender-equality into account both in the short and long term measures to respond to conflict situations".

The letter also provides information on steps that the Parliament have taken, including a recent resolution on the impact of the war against Ukraine on women in which the parliament calls for more actions to address trafficking and intersected discrimination, to ensure access to sexual and reproductive health rights, and stresses the need to support the work of local and women's rights civil society.

[Read the response in full.](#)

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**MEMBERS AND PARTNERS NEWS**

**Gender and Development Network’s (GADN) Response to the G7 Leader’s Communiqué**
"This Communique is certainly a step in the right direction. But the real challenge comes with implementation and here the Communique falls short - failing to commit to public investment in care infrastructure or to support new measures on vaccine equity, debt cancellation or progressive global taxation."

The [Communique of the G7 Leaders](#) can be an important signpost of language and initiatives that will shape future international negotiations. Under the German Presidency, Leaders have called for a gender-equal global recovery, recognised the importance of care, acknowledged that structural barriers to equality are faced by women in all their diversity, and even mentioned feminist foreign policies. But the real challenge comes with implementation and here the Communique falls short, whether in failing to support new measures on vaccine equity, debt cancellation or progressive global taxation. Read GADN's response to the communique [here](#).

WO=MEN, the Dutch Gender Platform published its "Reality Check" for the Dutch policy proposal regarding its foreign affairs
Member WO=MEN has published its "Reality Check" in response to the new policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Netherlands has recently adopted a Feminist Foreign Policy, following countries like France, Spain, Mexico and Sweden.

The recommendations are structured around four key messages: policy needs to be coherent and based on a human rights approach; government should show courage to support women human rights defenders in fragile and crisis contexts; recognize the gendered digital divide in the approach to digitization; and, embrace an intersectional approach.

New Article series regarding prospects for gender equality in the global economy and the world of work in the post-coronavirus era

In its new blog, “Considering the entire economic picture?”, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) seeks to offer a space in which to examine the impact of the current coronavirus situation on women’s economic circumstance. Read here all articles: https://www.fes.de/en/themenportal-gender-jugend/gender/the-future-is-feminist/considering-the-entire-economic-picture

GENERAL NEWS
Invitation to Participate in the Consultation Process on a German Strategy for a Feminist Development Policy - deadline to register, 15 July 2022

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is currently undertaking a consultation process regarding the development of a strategy for a feminist development policy. The strategy will lay out the objectives and focus areas of the feminist development policy. It is a key priority of the BMZ to engage in a participatory strategy process that includes consultations with a wide variety of actors.

If you are interested to participate in the consultation process, register [here](#) until July 15th. Following this round of nominations, the BMZ will make a final selection of consultation participants (based on a feasible number of participants and a diverse representation of perspectives). If you are selected, your involvement in the consultation process entails responding to an online survey and the option to participate in virtual focus group discussions in the coming months.

**Public Consultation: "Global Health: a New EU Strategy" - open now until 19 September 2022**

There have been significant changes in global health and geopolitics since the Commission’s 2010 Communication on the EU’s role in global health. This initiative will develop a new global health strategy to respond to these changes and strengthen EU leadership in this area. The Commission would like to hear your views. This public consultation is open from 27 June 2022 to 19 September 2022. To partake in this consultation, go to this [link](#).

**Recent Article: "The World Trade Organization After the 12th Ministerial Conference"**

**New Publication by Women's Budget Group: "Trade and Health: a Gendered Analysis"**

This [briefing](#), written for the Women’s Budget Group by Silke Trommer, University of Manchester, examines through a feminist lens how the UK’s trade policy agenda intersects with public health.

The links between trade and health are feminist issues because women are primarily responsible for care and life-making work in the formal economy and...
Publication from DCAF and UKaid: "Women Speak: The Lived Nexus Between Climate, Gender and Security"

A growing body of research recognises the gendered impacts of climate change, and how these are impacted by armed conflict. Women often bear the brunt of conflicts over land and natural resources, climate-related displacement, and gender-based violence.

With climate issues garnering attention in peace processes, peace-building policy, and security sector reform, this is a critical moment for a gender-climate lens to be included in countries’ peace and security processes and improve global policy tools on the gender, security, and climate nexus, while building an understanding of how climate change policy and the women, peace and security agenda can be mutually reinforcing.

Sixty-eight women’s rights organizations from Colombia, Mali, and Yemen came together to contribute to this set of policy recommendations to guide international and national environmental and peacebuilding policy and programming. Read the publication here.

This report offers a snapshot of civil society’s world as it stands at the mid-point of 2022: a world characterised by crisis and volatility, where regressive forces are mobilising a fierce backlash, but where dogged civil society mobilisation is still winning vital battles.