Members Update, 2022, Issue 5

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

**Solidarity Statements for Ukraine**

The WIDE+ secretariat is putting together a declaration of solidarity with the people of Ukraine, in which we would like to emphasize our feminist, anti-racist, intersectional position and strongly denounce military violence. In order to align our statement with the positions of our members, we would like to know if your organisation has launched a public statement on this ongoing war, or if you have recommendations. If so, we would like to encourage you to send your organisation's statement, or other relevant documents and input, to Marta Murawska at martamariamurawska@gmail.com by **21 March 2022**. This would greatly aid us in creating a strong statement that reflects the position of the network.

**Registration Still Open! Webinar TODAY, How Women and Feminists in Belarus Became Enemies of the State**, 16 March, 6pm-8pm CET
It has been a year and a half ago since Lukashenko brutally ended the huge protest of many Belarusians demanding a fair election. The oppression has increased and with it the influence of Putin in Belarus. Many women, including feminists, have been very active in the peaceful initiatives for a democratic Belarus free from violence and terror.

This webinar is the last of two, in which we will reflect on the current situation for Belarus from the stories of women’s rights activists. To register for this webinar, kindly go to this [link](https://wideplus.org/?mailpoet_router&endpoint=view_in_browser&action=view&data=Wzk2LCJ3Nzc3ZDY4ZGE0ZDYiLDAwMCMw4NSwXQ).

With:

- Nika - a women's rights activist, living in Belarus
- Daria - a volunteer and a campaigner against domestic violence. A refugee who had to flee first to Ukraine because of the state repressions in Belarus and then to Poland, because of the war in Ukraine
- Natalia - a member of the Belarusian diaspora in Poland

**Two CSW66 Webseminars On 18 March: "Feminist Climate Justice: Actions and Advocacy in Networks" & "Migration, Displacement, Women's Human's Rights in the Climate Crisis", organized and co-sponsored by WIDE+.**
WIDE+ is partnering up with different organisations in two parallel online Civil Society events held at the 66th UN Commission of the Status of Women (CSW). Both events can be joined by people that have not registered to the CSW.

The first webinar, "Feminist Climate Justice: Advocacy and Actions in Networks", is organized by Adéquations and WIDE+ on 18 March, 3pm CET. It invites civil society organizations and feminist networks in the Global South and North that engage in feminist mobilizations and climate and biodiversity issues, on the ground and in advocacy.

Speakers:

- Yveline Nicolas, Adéquations (France)
- Oumou koulibaly, WOMIN (Afrique)
- Mariama Sonko, Nous Sommes la Solution (Sénégal)
- Diana Dimitrova, Education for everyone (Bulgarie)
- Angèle Koué, GEPALEF (Côte d'Ivoire)
- Martha Salazar, Wo-Mi Women Migrants and WIDE+ (Denmark)
- Fatima Zahra et Yvonne Ngoyi CADTM, réseau de la coordination des luttes féministes (Belgium)

For more information on this event and to register for this event, go to this [link](#).

The second webinar, "Migration, Displacement and Women's Human Rights in the Climate Crisis", 18 March, 4pm CET, will explore climate change impacts at the intersection of migration and gender, focusing on the human rights of women and girls
displaced and migrating due to climate-related factors.

Speakers representing diverse sectoral and regional perspectives will address challenges arising from a lack of gender-responsive, rights- and justice-based responses to climate-related migration, including how lack of documentation limits access to decent work and social protections, and undermines safety and freedom of movement. Speakers will share how despite these challenges migrant women are leading with resilience, creating frontline models of solidarity. Go to this link for more information.

MEMBERS AND PARTNERS NEWS

DFID call for Women, Peace and Security in Ukraine

Alianza por la Solidaridad, Action Aid in Spain, has received the following information about a funding call and would like to know if there are WIDE+ members or partners working with organisations in Ukraine.

An IF opportunity has come up with the UK government funding mechanism CSSF: Call for bids: supporting Women, Peace and Security in Ukraine under the Conflict, Security and Stability Fund Programme 2022-23 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). This is a call for Women, Peace and Security (WPS) work in Ukraine between £500-750k for 12 months which seeks to support and bolster the active contribution women, women's rights organisations and excluded groups are making in their communities and on the frontline of the response during the unfolding crisis. Submission is 11.55 pm (GMT) Tuesday 29 March 2022. Those interested can inform Gea Meijers, info@wide-network.org, who will put you in touch with Alianza por la Solidaridad.

CSW66 Parallel Event: Feminist Alternatives for a Transformative Covid Economic Recovery, 17 March, 9 am CET, organised by GADN and partners

The devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic were met with varying types of
government interventions - many of which failed to adequately respond to women's realities and, in many instances, threatened to further exacerbate long-standing economic and gender inequalities. Research conducted by some of the event’s co-sponsoring organisations in India, Uganda, Argentina and the Philippines examined some of these policy responses and their impacts on women’s rights and gender equality in their national contexts. What has emerged are many shared experiences, as well as important lessons for potentially transformative future proposals that the event hopes to explore. To join this session, register at this link.

Follow Updates on CSW66 from WO=MEN’s Blog Website!

As the Dutch civil society coordinator for the annual meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) which is happening this year from the 14 - 25 March, WO=MEN chronicles the Dutch representatives' experiences in New York through this blog website. Follow the website for updates and first-person accounts of CSW66!

Due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic, CSW66 continues to take on a hybrid form, which accommodates participation from global feminists. The formal meetings will take place in person in New York and all side events will be virtual. To see the agenda of events organised by WO=MEN, go to this link.

New Podcast Episode from International Women Space, "#MakeNoise: Connecting European Struggles with WIDE+

On the occasion of 25th of November, the Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women, the migration and gender working group of WIDE+ met in Berlin to discuss the persistence of violence against migrant women in Europe, and to plan and create a collective response and resistance against violence, in all its aspects – gender-based, structural and/or institutional violence.

International Women Space Radio, or IWS RADIO, invited a few participants from different European countries, to share the stories of their respective and common
struggles, to speak about their political work and organisations. [Listen](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ) to hear stories of migrant women making a difference!

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**GENERAL NEWS**

Global Days of Action on Tax Justice for Women’s Rights, 14-25 March 2022

On 14 March, the Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ), its regional networks and members of its Tax and Gender Working Group are starting the 6th edition of the [Global Days of Action on Tax Justice for Women’s Rights](https://www.globaldaysonaction.org), coinciding with the 66th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). From 14 to 25 March, there will be mobilisations all around the world to call for tax and fiscal justice to advance gender equality and women’s rights.

There are several events organised for this global campaign:

- **Feminist perspectives**: Progressive taxation for an equal, green, and feminist transition, 21 March at 5 pm EAT, 3 pm CET, to register, go to this [link](https://www.globaldaysonaction.org/events/feminist-perspectives-progressive-taxation-for-an-equal-green-and-feminist-transition)

- **Shifting the narrative**: Why we need progressive taxation to finance education, and the role of IFIs, 23 March at 3 pm EAT, 1pm CET, to register, go to this [link](https://www.globaldaysonaction.org/events/shifting-the-narrative-why-we-need-progressive-taxation-to-finance-education-and-the-role-of-ifis)

CSW parallel online event "Feminist Responses to the Global Rise in Right-Wing Extremism", Tuesday, March 22 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM CET, by CRIAW-ICREF

This event will facilitate knowledge-sharing and network-building to strengthen our collective action(s) to counter anti-feminism and right-wing extremism.

SPEAKERS:

- Kavita Krishnan, All India Progressive Women’s Association (AIPWA) & Communist Party of India (Marxist Leninist) Liberation (CPIML)
- Miriam Edelson, coauthor of CRIA-W-ICREF’s "The Rise of the Alt-Right in Canada: A feminist analysis"
- Third speaker to be confirmed

Chaired by Jackie Neapole, CRIA-W-ICREF Executive Director

**Gender-Responsive Policing: Domestic Violence, Climate Crises, Pandemics, 17 March, 9pm CET**

Global threats to democracies, justice, women’s security, and climate are staggering. No longer can we live in a reactive world, as the storms of multiple calamities have arrived. IPES and WUNRN propose international scholarly strategies to proactively respond to threats against our planet, including those pertaining to safety, justice, climate, violence against women and children, as well as health and prosperity. To join the event, go to this link.

**CSW66 Parallel Event: "Where is The Money For Care?" 16 March, 9am CET**

**Discussion Paper by MenEngage: Peacebuilding and Countering Militarism**

The paper brings together a broad range of research and expertise around global and regional trends around militarized masculinities. It looks at the ways that war is built on mobilising men’s bodies to fight, and exploits ideas about manhood to encourage and pressure men to engage in conflict. It also offers a critical summary of the ways conflict is linked with increased rates of violence against women and girls globally.

**CSW66 Parallel Session, "The Masters Toolkits Will Never Dismantle the Master’s House", 21 March, 8 am CET**

As part of the Commission of the Status
International League for Peace and Freedom: No More Wars! Not Now, Not Ever Again!

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CSW66 Parallel Event, "Feminist Responses to the Global Rise in Right-Wing Extremism", 22 March, 7 pm CET

The rapid growth and mobilization of right-wing extremist groups and right-wing governments around the world threatens hard-fought gains and limits progress on women’s rights. This participatory, interactive parallel event will be held with feminists globally to strategize how to counter the rise in anti-feminism and right-wing extremism.

IPCC 6th Assessment Report, with Section on 'Gender, Climate Justice and Transformative Pathways' in Chapter 18

IPCC recently launched a report, 'Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability'. Chapter 18 of this report (pp.18-2 to 18-12 and 18-57 to 18-63) features a section on 'Gender, Climate Justice and Transformative Pathways', written by a team of global feminists over the course of 3 years. Download the full report here.